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Mum's disgust after son sat exam in a 'cupboard'

'Replacement room' so small teacher monitoring Charlie, 11, had to sit outside with door open

By Lottie O'Neill

A Harlow mum has claimed that her 11-year-old son was made to sit his exams in a cupboard after being removed from class.

Mum-of-three Donna Golding,

who has already taken her two daughters out of Purford Green Primary School in the town, says she is at breaking point after the treatment of her boy Charlie.

She said: "It is disgusting and that is an understatement.

"You wouldn't even do it to a

dog."
Charlie was excited to sit his exams on Monday last week (May 14), but Donna says that when he arrived at school to begin his tests, a teacher asked him to come out of the classroom

The replacement room where Charlie was seated to complete his SATs exams was in fact a 'storage cupboard' near to the school office and was so small that the teacher monitoring him had to "sit on the floor outside with the door open".

Donna, 34, said: "I was excited

for him and a little bit nervous, he has worked really hard.

"He came home from school and told me the exams were easier than he thought, but he sat them in a little cupboard by the

Donna emailed the headteacher to find out why this happened, as her son does not have any learn-ing difficulties or require addi-tional support, and warned Charlie to refuse if he was asked to leave the classroom again.

The next day, Charlie told his

mum that three different teachers

tried to coax him out of class.
"The head teacher responded to my email saying she is sorry I feel this way," Donna added.

"I asked her how putting my son in a cupboard is supportive but I haven't had a response.

"A teacher had to sit in the doorway of the cupboard. It wasn't big enough for her and she had her back to my son. "He said she was gossiping and

chatting with staff in the office. How is this supportive? I have no

She said that Charlie doesn't require any additional support and has not been assessed by an educational psychologist.

In the response to Donna's email, Emma Bloomfield, headteacher of Purford Green Primary School, said: "I'm sorry you feel this way.

Support

"Charlie and some other children in the class were given their own room to work in for the SATs to support them.

"However I have notified the SATs administrator that you would not like Charlie to receive this support for the rest of the test."

Donna and her husband, David, who live near Bush Fair in Harlow, are still waiting for a response from the school as to why the incidents have happened and the reasons behind

"My concern is my son." Donna

"I am at breaking point and I don't know what to do.



'The school is committed to supporting all children to succeed'

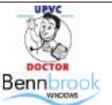
Miss Bloomfield, Headteacher of Purford Green Primary School, said in a statement: "We are obviously saddened to hear Mrs Golding has decided to go to the press despite the long running dialogue between the school and the family.

"As is always the case in any

such incident it would not be right for the school to talk in public about specific young people or their families. Throughout the last few weeks the school has had at least weekly communication with the family via email and had several meetings. We were obviously

upset that the family decided to remove two of the three children they had at Purford Green some months ago and have reflected at length on what we could have done to avoid Mrs Golding making this decision. The school is committed to supporting all children to succeed at their own

highest level and will take whatever steps are necessary to do so. The Trust that oversees the running of Purford Green have made contact with Mrs Golding to plan how we can best support Charlie, and the other children in his class, over his last few weeks at the school."



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are put through their paces by the obstacles sometimes resulting in spectacular crashes making it a great spectacle for those of all ages. Those aged 16 and over who are brave enough will take part. The sport was made famous by Red Bull in 2000 who brought it from America to Brussels and has since hosted over 100 soapbox races globally. The fastest speed ever recorded in a soapbox or gravity racer is 85.6mph which was set by Guy Martin from the UK. Free entry. For further details visit: www.visitsaffronwalden.gov.uk



Great Dunmow's first Soapbox Race takes place this weekend

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Inspirational 32-year-old overcame teenage alcoholism and depression to excel

Drinking at just 13, school leaver at 14, Io is now a doctor

By Alasdair Hooper

A HARLOW woman has changed her life of alcoholism and depres sion and become a qualified doc-

Jo Barton, 32, who now lives in Sawbridgeworth, left school in Harlow at the age of 14 without any GCSEs or qualifications to her name

She then entered a "pit of depression" where she drank on a daily basis and descended into being a "nightmare teen".

"We didn't have my mum about as she was in the hospital being sectioned," explained Jo.

"My teenage years are where it

all went wrong really.
"I left school at 14, halfway through Year 10, and I ended up skipping a lot and I wasn't living at home.

Drinking

"I got into alcohol at an early age – about 13 – and I was drinking every single day.

think I was probably depressed but I didn't know it at the time.

"I turned to alcohol and then I began to rebel and that got me into lots of trouble as a teen-

Jo's mum suffered with bipolar disorder, although these days she is coping much better with it.

Her dad had moved away from the area so she says she and her sister were often left to their own

However after years of depression and gaining a "reputation" in Harlow, she sought a clean break and new life.
As a result she started scouting

around for any job she could



Jo as she looked in her troubled teenage years

"I kept thinking I couldn't do that for my mum and I was quite depressed in Harlow," said Jo.
"I think I wanted to start a new

life because I had a reputation - it either that or staying depressed.

"I got my first job at 17 at a restaurant in Great Dunmow.

"It only lasted four weeks because I was a really bad wait-

"It was my first job, it was long hours, and they fired me after four

Despite the brief nature of her very first role, the restaurant job wasn't all bad for Jo as she met her partner there, who she is still 15 years later.

Without any qualifications, and a relatively empty CV, Jo explained that she eventually turned to looking at healthcare

The reason being was that they were advertised as not requiring any previous experience and soon managed to land a job as a



Jo pictured after she had graduated

erine's Care Home in Broxbourne.

Furthermore, while working she could also train towards her National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) in care.

In her two years at the care home Jo managed to achieve her NVQ as well as getting key skills in English and maths.

Whilst at the care home Jo said her confidence grew but she soon started wanting more and set about finding a path into hospital

She managed to get a part time job on an X-ray ward at Princess Alexandra Hospital and landed a place on an access to nursing course at a college in Enfield, North London.

However, because of the financial constraints Jo ended up working for 60 hours a week as she tried to balance work with her

"You don't really get support in college and I just got on with it," she explained



week while at college

that's effectively how I survived. 'There were lots of times I wanted to quit but if I did that then I would have got nothing. She added: "My final year was a

very tough year for me.
"My mum had been well for a

few years but she got taken off of tablets and she got sectioned again.

'I was commuting each way trying to visit my mum but also studying for my final exams."

Despite the tough nature of her

college years Jo managed to pass her exams but her graduation day was spoiled as her mum was unable to attend due to anxiety attacks.

After a surgeon at Princess Alexandra let her watch a number of surgeries Jo subsequently fell in love with medicine and focused on her next goal - becoming a

She found an access to medicine course but required maths and English GCSE's so she had to do them via home learning

Once she completed her two

GCSE's she was accepted onto the course and moved to Norwich.

She then applied for a university place to study medicine, but failed to be accepted.

Instead, she was accepted for a biomedicine course, but didn't feel it suited her at all, so once again applied for a degree in medicine

Jo was accepted onto a six-year degree at St George's Hospital in London where she graduated from three years ago.

Now she is currently working in accident and emergency at Princess Alexandra hospital in Harlow, and she has already set her mind on her next task - to become a GP.

"I felt like I needed a better

work life balance so I decided to

apply for GP training.

"I was working nights and I didn't want to do that for the rest of my life."

Jo's journey has not been without its struggles.
But regardless of that, she

wants to use her personal journey

as an inspiration to others

"I just want people to know that if you come from nothing there are options if you are willing to put the effort in," she said.

Dr Jo Barton, in her usual attire for work in A&E

Alexandra Hospital

"It's just staying focused and staying in education.

"It was a struggle and I am not going to tell anyone it is easy – I used to study for my exams on the Central Line!

"It's the way that you think about it. Always, what was in my head was, if I don't do this then it's all gone and I am back to square one. If I give up then I am going to be left with nothing."

"If I had a normal life, and I went to school, I don't know what I would be doing now," she added. "I kind of found medicine and I don't think I would have found it if I had a normal life.

"I am quite good with depressed patients and that's because of my past. I am not your average doctor, as I'm quite common, and I think that helps. I just hope that other people can see it the way I thought it was."







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Heroic resident says 'I saw what was going on and I wasn't going to stand for it'

Councillor's eye cut while breaking up fight in street

By Harriet Clugston

A HEROIC councillor was left with a black eye and a gouge on his evelid after he was allegedly bitten, punched and threatened while trying to break up a brawl outside a pub in Sawbridge worth.

Councillor William Mortimer was driving to pick up some dinner at a nearby fish and chip shop on Friday (May 18) when he noticed a man lying in the road outside the George IV pub on Knight Street.

After stopping to offer his help, the councillor — who represents Sawbridgeworth on East Herts District Council — was set upon by two other men, both of whom a witness describes as being "physically larger than him".

Cllr Mortimer explained: "I was driving down Knight Street going to Rumbles to get some dinner when I saw there was some

stopped to see if he needed help, but as I was walking towards him

I saw two guys fighting.
"One guy had a huge bubble on
the side of his face where he had

been hit.
"You see these things in comics and think it is never like that in real life, but it was literally just a huge bubble.

"I said to them 'cut it out or I'm calling the police' and they turned

They were giving it all 'who the f*** are you, what's it got to do with you?' so I said 'I'm the dis-trict councillor responsible for this ward, that's who I am'."
The witness described how Cllr

Mortimer had been "assaulted several times", sworn at and threatened, while the councillor himself claims he was punched while on the phone to the police.

Having worked as a doorman in

guy on the floor and others stood around him. his previous career, Cllr Mortimer says he has experience breaking up fights, but that it was "uncommon" to see such beha-viour on the streets of Sawbridge-

Following the altercation, he discovered that he had suffered a cut to his left eye, which he believes was caused when a blow to the face pushed his glasses into his eye socket, breaking them in the process.

He continued: "I made myself a $target\,by\,saying\,I\,was\,going\,to\,call$

Doorman

"I'm quite a stocky guy so I can handle myself — I used to be a doorman and I've done martial arts before.

"One guy was trying to bite me and was hitting me repeatedly.

"I was doing pressure points on him but it was having no effect. He was clearly wanting to do me a lot

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"I didn't notice the cut until I scratched my eye and realised I had a gouge from when my glasses went into my eye.

"That was my spare pair as well, which is quite annoying as I

went, which is quite amoying as I had broken my other ones."
The heroic councillor's night went from bad to worse after police arrived and he was allowed to get on his way — only to find that Rumbles Fish Bar had

But despite his injuries, he says he is not sorry that he stepped in, explaining that he felt compelled to offer help where he could.
"At the end of the day I did what

any good person would do," he said. "Maybe I've got more balls than

brains but I believe strongly in what is appropriate behaviour.

"Brawling in the street is not

The injury sustained by Councillor Mortimer during the incident

guy who was on the floor. Two on one is not fair.

"I saw what was going on and I wasn't going to stand for it."

A spokeswoman for Hertford-shire Constabulary said: "Police were called at 9.28pm to reports of an altercation outside the George

appropriate especially not for the IV pub on Knight Street in Sawbridgeworth.
"A man in his 30s was injured

having attempted to intervene.
"Two 56-year-old men from

Sawbridgeworth have been arrested in connection with the investigation and remain in police custody at this time.







Missing convict warning

A convicted killer is thought to be on the run in Essex after failing to return to prison and police have warned members of the public not to approach

Sean Gomez, 50 and formerly from Enfield, was released from Hollesley Bay prison in Suffolk on Friday (May 18) on a temporary licence to go to an address in Harlow and was due to return on Tuesday (May 22).

However, he has failed to return to prison and has been reported missing

to police.

Gomez is currently serving a six-

year jail sentence after being found guilty of the manslaughter of 47-year-old father-of-two Mustafa Lanleyin. He has been described as white, 5ft

11ins tall and of slight build. He is also clean shaven with brown hair and green eyes.

Gomes is believed to have links to

Southend and Harlow, with members of the public warned not to approach

Anyone that knows of Gomez's whereabouts, has seen him or has any other information is asked to contact Suffolk Police on 101.

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County council pays tribute to popular former lollipop man

School sends flowers and says it is 'saddened' to hear of crossing patroller's death

By Tommy Wathen

ESSEX County Council has paid

tribute to a former employee in Harlow who passed away.

Kevin Fewell, a lollipop man who was well known to many in the local community, died earlier

Familiar

He worked as a school crossing patroller near the William Martin Infant, Junior and Nursery School in Tawneys Road, Harlow and quickly became a familiar face to schoolchildren and parents. A spokesperson for Essex

County Council said: "We were greatly saddened to learn of the

sudden passing of Kevin Fewell "Kevin had been the school crossing patroller for the William Martin Schools in Harlow for almost a year and had become a valuable and popular member of the school community?

William Martin School wrote in public newsletters that they were also saddened by the news and that they plan to send a floral tribute to Mr Fewell's funeral.

They stated: "We are sad to let you know that Mr Kevin Fewell has passed away.

"The school will be sending a tribute to the funeral."



Above. Tributes outside the William Martin Infant, Junior and Nursery School in Tawneys Road, Harlow. Left, the crossing where Kevin Fewell



Parish councillor says flytipping is a 'blight' on the area as road blocked by large mound of dumped rubbish



A ROAD near Great Dunmow was blocked after a massive pile of rubbish was left dumped in the middle of the country lane

There was no access possible on Bacon End, with pictures, taken at about 6am last Wednesday (May 16), showing a pile of rubbish about ten feet high that has been left in the middle of the road.

Sorry

Robert Mackley, who is the chairman of Great Canfield Parish Council, admitted that he felt sorry for the people in higher positions of council

that have to deal with these types of incidents.

The 51-year-old, from Bacon End, said: "We have had a problem in the past six months as we have had four large flytipping incidents within the

"We cannot do anything about this at our level, but people at higher levels can start to

introduce things as a deterrent."

Mr Mackley added: "There are lots of incidents like this and it must cost Uttlesford District Council, so I feel sorry for them as it costs them a lot of money to "I can't tell you why it is happening, but what I do know is that it is a blight on our very pretty village.

A spokesman for Uttlesford District Council said: "The council was made aware of a flytip near Bacon End this morning and a crew from Street Services

has inspected the site.
"As it is causing a serious blockage on the road the team has arranged for a contractor to clear the fly-tip on Thursday morning.
"Our enforcement team will

also investigate the fly-tip to try and identify the perpetrator."

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Partnership sought in a bid to forge lucrative links with China

Airport, business leaders and politicians from Eastern England look to the East

By Piers Meyler and James Gregory

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STANSTED Airport has begun talks to create a new air link with China in a bid to increase trade ties with the East of England.

Airport representatives, business leaders and politicians met for the first time to discuss their plans on creating a partnership to boost investment opportunities.

The East of England-China

The East of Éngland-China Forum will be membership-based and open to all companies and organisations wanting to strengthen ties between China and the region.

In 2016, the combined value of imports and exports between the East of England and China was valued at £4.3 billion.

The partnership is hoping to improve on this and mirror a similar coalition that has already proved successful in Manchester.

That deal, between Manchester Airport, local government, tourism agencies, universities and businesses helped to secure direct links to both Hong Kong in 2014 and Beijing in 2016.

Overtake

And with the Beijing route alone helping exports from the north of England to China increase by 260 per cent to £200 million per month, there is certainly a lot of optimism surrounding the East of England equivalent.

Ken O'Toole, Stansted Airport chief executive, said: "As China becomes an increasingly important force in 21st century global trade, it is of paramount importance that the East of England, plus north and east London, has in place a clear strategy that allows it to nurture long-term economic ties with the country.

"In the next few years China is expected to overtake the USA to become the biggest aviation market in the world,.

"And together with a relaxation of visa and flight restrictions for Chinese visitors, now is the time for the region to come together to secure new direct links between



our region and China," Mr O'Toole added.

"We know there is significant demand for Chinese destinations and are confident we can secure new links over the next years, but it is crucial we build a strong coalition of businesses, universities, tourism agencies and local government to demonstrate the size of the opportunity to air-line."

Councillor Kevin Bentley, of the East of England Local Government Association and deputy leader of Essex County Council. said: "A new direct air link to China from Stansted will significantly boost the Essex and regional economies and we are delighted to be contributing the resources of Essex County Council's specialist China business advisory team at Essex International to help in the creation of the East of England-China Business Forum."

At the inaugural meeting of the forum, representatives from East of England and London businesses, business groups, county councils, East of England Local Government Association, tourism agencies and universities agreed to build on their relationships in China.

They also want to provide a focus for organisations looking to increase their connectivity with China and to encourage more businesses to explore opportunities in China

ities in China.

The Forum will also leverage local and national assets in order to develop these areas.

Scott Goodfellow, director of

Scott Goodfellow, director of Tiptree-based Wilkin and Sons, renowned for its jam. said:

"Wilkin and Sons flies the flag for s Britain around the world, with a significant and growing market in China attracted by our unique a and quintessentially British o products.

Encourage

"Securing a direct link to China from Stansted, our local airport, would support our export ambitions, encourage local tourism, and save valuable time commuting around the M25."

Claire Ruskin, chief executive of the Cambridge Network, said:

"Nearly five per cent of the population in Cambridge is Chinese and we have considerable activity between businesses and institutions in this region and across China already.

"Direct links from Stansted will encourage even more productive relationships."

Those wanting to join the forum's networking database and to receive news and event details are being encouraged to send their name and company information to eastchinaforum@stanstedairport.com





Flight diverted to Stansted

A FLIGHT was diverted to Stansted Airport after a passenger needed 'medical attention' on Wednesday

The plane, which left Manchester Airport at about 9am on (Wednesday (May 23), was due to fly to Mallorca but was diverted for an emergency landing at Stansted Airport.

The plane took off from Manchester

The plane took off from Manchester and has now landed at Stansted Airport at around 9:40am.

A spokesman from Jet2 said: "A passenger on board that needs medical attention.

"That is the reason for the diversion."

Stansted Airport said in a statement: "The flight landed at 9.40am due to a medical issue with a passenger on board the aircraft.

"The ambulance service was requested to attended which they have done."

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Dad's online musings during school day out to the capital go viral

Tweets describe how visit descends into 'carnage'

By Sophie Finnegan

A Harlow dad who helped chaperon 60 ten-year-old children on a school trip described how the day turned into "utter carnage" through a series of hilarious

Simon Smith live tweeted his day as he volunteered on a group visit to a science museum in Lon-

don on Monday (May 21). As he began documenting the series of events, from the coach journey to the countless toilet trips and the eventual arrival at the museum, he noted some comical observations.

Coach

"One mile in. Most of the lunches have gone and approximately 30% of the people on this coach need the toilet," reads one

"My own daughter just made eye contact. It was sinister.

Almost sure she just mouthed: 'You absolute mug' at me." Simon's tweets about the day

ere deemed so funny, the tweet thread went viral online.

On Tuesday the thread was shared many times and read by thousands of people, many of whom decided to follow the Har-

low resident on Twitter.

All this attention may have spooked the father, as on Wed-

spooked the father, as on Wednesday, the tweet thread had been deleted.

One Twitter user, who read the tweet thread, said: "It was very funny, the writing was great. The thread was very observant, it reminded me of Sue Townsend, the author of the Advison Mole the author of the Adrian Mole books, at the height of her powers."

The pressure of a day chaperoning children on a visit to the science museum gets to Harlow resident Simon Smith



Event organisers unveil more big names for this year's music festival

By Martin Neal

PULP frontman Jarvis Cocker is the latest big name to be announced for this year's Standon Calling festival.

The singer, whose band shot to fame with hits including Common People and Disco 2000 in the 1990s, will bring a DJ set – as well as his own unique presence and style – to the grounds of Standon Lordship on July 26-29.

He joins a stellar line-up which includes Bryan Ferry, George Ezra, Paloma Faith, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, Goldfrapp, Tokio Myers and a host of others at the festival, nestled in the Hert-fordshire countryside but just seven miles from Bishop's Stort-

Cocker is the stand-out name in the latest round of announce-ments made by festival organisers

Maestro

Also set to perform is revered electronic maestro Matthew Dear, who'll bring his live show to the fields, while Artificial Pleasure, Bakar, Easy Life, Lily Moore, Rachel K Collier, Ralph Taylor, Weaver Bros, Point Mantis and ASL have been confirmed too.

Organisers have announced there will be an excit-ing array of emerging talent on

the BBC Introducing Stage.

One headline act for that stage has yet to be revealed but Ten Tonnes, Folly Rae, Declan

Donovan, Blushes, Rocky NTI, Holiday Oscar, Jack Cullen and have all been announced this

The Groove Garden has become the home of all things funk/soul/ disco/house at Standon Calling for the last ten years and this year

it will expand into a futuristic new dome. Kid Fiesta has again curated the bill, with The Nextmen, The Reflex, Dr Packer among those

taking to the decks. And the acts for Tech Noir have also been unveiled. Long-time favourites of the festival and renowned party-starters The Great Brain Robbery return and will be looking at 2018 through the eves of 1984

Tech Noir is an apocalyptic, neon-soaked, late night sonic getaway, drenched in darkness and cutting-edge sounds.

And this year alt-pop gems Artificial Pleasure, Findlay, The Modern Strangers and Absolute Valentine will be among those keeping the party going until

Now in its 13th year, Standon Calling is a family-friendly event that prides itself on what it calls "the full 360-degree festival experience" with much more than just music on offer.

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Youngster hit by car in a collision close to town's Aldi supermarket

Police and ambulance crews attended

By Lottie O'Neill

A 'BOY' was hit by a car near Aldi supermarket in Harlow.

The accident took place on First Avenue at around 4.30pm on Wednesday (May 16)

police car were at the scene.

It is not clear how serious the

nedestrian's injuries were

Photographs show officers talking to a boy and cars pulled over to the side of the road

Witness

One witness has said that the individual was 'hit by a car'

The Aldi supermarket is situated on the roundabout connecting Howard Way, Mandela Avenue news story when we have it.

and First avenue close to Harlow

Town Park and The Stow.

East of England Ambulance Service have been approached for comment.

Essex Police declined to give a statement as the incident was not classed as a serious road traffic collision. We will bring you the latest update with this breaking







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Council announces the sale of school services company

A SUCCESSFUL arms-length trading organisation providing services to schools across England and 20 countries overseas is set to be sold off by Essex County Council in order to allow its continued growth without the need for taxpayer investment.

Essex County Council says the sale of EES for Schools – described as a dynamic school effectiveness and improvement organisation, delivering sophisticated software, training and consultancy services to over 4,500 school customers – would "unlock value for ECC and would enable the business to be developed to the next level.'

Essex Education Services functions as an educational business with a range of direct delivery, training and support services, with customers who include ECC Commissioners, schools, other local authorities and central government.

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FUN DAY: Former patient feels like royalty after motorcycle run is led out by

Biker community out in force to raise air ambulance funds

By Gazette reporters

SUPPORTERS of Essex & Herts Air Ambulance were out in force at North Weald Airfield on Sunday, May 20 for the charity's annual Motorcycle Run and Family Fun Day.

Nearly 600 bikers tackled the 60 mile route between Hertfordshire Police HQ in Welwyn Garden City and the airfield.

Guest of honour was former patient Steve Tiller, 28, who was airlifted after an accident four

years ago in Ongar.

"Now we know how the Royal Family felt at Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding," he

"It was awesome being led out by the police outriders. I think

there was about 30 of them. "The roundabouts were shut down and we were able to go straight through. It was a really

"When we arrived at North Weald Airfield we saw the



A musician gives a thumbs-up to proceedings at the fun day

helicopter land then take off straight away. It reminds you just how much the air ambulance is

Simon crashed on his way to work after his motorbike skidded on a greasy patch of road, suf-



This racing car was at the air ambulance fun day



The air ambulance paid a flying visit and could not stay long

fering injuries that included a broken back and a major blow to the head.

"I don't remember what happened, but fortunately the air ambulance was only two minutes away," he said.

"The first person on the scene was an off-duty fireman, so I was

incredibly lucky."

Steve and his fellow riders were welcomed at the finish by several hundred more bikers and families

enjoying the Family Fun Day. The attractions on offer included displays by stunt riding team On the Edge, skidbike demonstrations, static bike displays, live music, an inflatables supercar experiences and trade stalls.

'Fabulous'

Fay Boissieux, events manager at Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, said: "The Motorcycle Run is always a fabulous event and this year's has been no exception

"With so many exciting things for people to enjoy, there was no shortage of things to do and hav-ing such a beautiful sunny day was great too.

"We're extremely grateful to everyone in the biking com-munity who has turned out to support our life-saving work, and



to all the people who have turned out along the route and at the

finish to support them.

"We are looking forward to see

ing many of the people who came today at our next motorcycle event on September 9. "This will see riders travel from



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around 30 police outriders: 'It was awesome,' he said, 'A really good day'



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County beefs up fire safety procedures in the wake of Grenfell blaze

Leader: 'We cannot go back to before'

By Piers Meyler

THE leader of Essex County Council has said the Grenfell Tower tragedy is a "salutary reminder we cannot go back" as as series of safety recommendations were implemented.

A total of 14 recommendations

A total of 14 recommendations into fire safety following the Grenfell Tower fire have now either been implemented or are in the process of being implemented.

These included introducing arrangements for Essex County Fire and Rescue Service to be invited to be involved at an early stage in the building design pro-cess for projects with a capital value in excess of £2 million and ensuring appropriate steps are taken to address fire safety issues in high-rise buildings fitted with potentially hazardous cladding.

Report

A report commissioned by Essex County Council following the 2017 Grenfell Tower tragedy and published on Monday, February 26, recommended a series of actions for the council to implement to improve the fire safety of Essex County Council property and third-party owned buildings. Former chief fire officer for Suf-

folk and Berkshire, Andy Fry OBE, chaired a cross-party review of the authority's property estate, investigating building cladding and general fire safety standards following the fire that claimed the lives of 72 people.

Other key recommendations for the council included guidance to all council-maintained schools and third-party run residential care homes to make sure the implications of potentially hazardous cladding are assessed, managed and shared with other schools and clear arrangements



The Grenfell Tower public inquiry opened on Monday

complex fire safety issues.

Leader of ECC David Finch

said: "The Grenfell Tower fatalities are a salutary reminder to us all we cannot go back.

"We must go forward and going kept as safe as practical."

for ad hoc specialist advice on forward we must be alert to what we do, the regulations are in place and how we interpret and implement them to make sure people care or indirectly in our care are

Transit sites proposal for travellers

"DEAD bits of land" next to major road schemes should be looked at to create specific transit areas to help move on travellers from unauthorised encampments, a leading Essex councillor has said.

Essex County Council cabinet member Susan Barker made the comments at the Essex Countywide Traveller Unit Joint Committee ahead of the announcement of the new A120

route, between Braintree and the A12, on June 8.

The committee heard that travellers could be transferred to a transit site from any part of Essex to expedite their removal from unauthorised sites.

A transit site in Essex may mirror the Hertfordshire County Council-owned transit site with space for 15 pitches operating in South Mimms – that councillors described as "bleak and horrible"

Susan Barker said: "No one wants a transit site but traditionally these are adjacent to major roads.

"I am not wishing it on Braintree or Harlow but I do think that major road schemes like that do potentially give the opportunity for there to be dead bits of land and I do think we have to be realistic about the idea that one of these scheme may throw up something."



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Ruth Miriam CLITHEROW

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Margaret's funeral service will be held at Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday 29th May at 13:15.

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Pauline Margaret FISH

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PEGGY ROSINA **PEARMAIN**

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Passed away peacefully on 18th May 2018 aged 85 years. She will be greatly missed by daughters Janet and Wendy and their families. Her funeral service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, South Street, Bishop's Stortford on Monday 18th June at 11.00 am.

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Bereavements

Mary WRIGHT (formerly Mary Bull)

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Opportunity for new site was missed

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The service road exists, the ambulance station is close by, and once built, the old building could be demolished and the site used for any extension.

Charles Jackson Harlow

A wonderful crop of weeds

NOW that a couple of weeks have passed by since the landscaping of the ditch area (Thursday May 3) I wonder if the person(s) responsible would care to visit the rejuvenated area to see what a wonderful crop of weeds we now have because of the work done.

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111 NHS team are amazing

I HAD the occasion to use the 111 health service quite recently.

What an amazing team of dedicated people they are, from my first telephone contact, right through to being admitted to PAH Harlow. The ladies who took my call rang me back at regular intervals ensuring that I was alright, while I waited for transport. The medics who came, were kind, compassionate and above all efficient, and were instructed by the out of hours doctor who initially called to my house, to take me to Queen's Hospital at Romford. These wonderful men had been on various calls throughout the night, and still had the patience to deal with me.

This was to be followed by all the care and attention from all the medical and other staff given to me after returning to PAH. Those are special people indeed, and my thanks go to all of them, and I value their service.

Mrs E Crumb Harlow



■ M11 TRAFFIC: SERIOUS CRASH CLOSES ROAD NEAR LOUGHTON:

Think they should put a report out telling people when the M11 is open, because it is closed everyday from the reports

Pauline Quant

■ RYANAIR HAS CHANGED ITS CHECK-IN POLICY - HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

To make people pay more buy pre-purchasing a seat or priority boarding etc.

Airlines are so greedy.

Shelley Menzies

■ DECISION ON NEW HOSPITAL FOR HARLOW COULD COME THIS SUMMER:

The reason the hospital is the way it is, is because of lack of staff. Staff are leaving because the pressure put upon them is ridiculous.

They all do the best with what they are given but because of the cuts they may not have the right equipment or time to complete the jobs they need to and in return we

have patients complain there appointments are not kept to or their family member has been kept in hospital too long or A&E is overrun.

If first aid was taught to children while at school not only would a lot more lives be saved before getting to hospital but it would help them to understand the difference from a cold and death.

We may not be able to change the generations now but we can help the future generations.

Spend money where it is needed not on making the building look nice to impress Care Quality Commission.

Kirst Stockle

A lot of money has been spent on the hospital lately and it looks really good.

We might need an additional hospital but we still need PAH as well.

Josie Denham

There's nothing wrong with the hospital we have.

My family and I, along with many others have received nothing by exceptional care from the

It the appalling doctors surgeries that

need attention. Ellie Bryant Webb

Typical Conservative money wasters - millions of pounds have been spent in PAH so this new hospital is not welcomed it's utterly pointless.

Simone Armstrong

■ 'I MET MY HUSBAND THROUGH THE FENCE OF HATFIELD HEATH PRISONER OF WAR CAMP' WHICH IS FACING DEMOLITION:

I remember Nancie a lovely lady. She was a regular customer of mine when I was a cashier at Sainsbury's in Harlow until I moved to Lincolnshire four years ago.

It would be lovely to be in touch with her again.
If someone could contact

If someone could contact her for me. xx

Daphne Wilson

Nancie, a wonderful lady in our community, amazing to learn the story of how she met Gerhard. Janet Banks

■ LIDL ARE PLANNING TO OPEN 23 MORE SUPERMARKETS ACROSS ESSEX AND THIS IS WHERE: I really like Lidl and it frustrates me I have friends who haven't ever been in one and run it down. I think it is much nicer than Aldi and they spent a lot of money improving the Staple Tye one. What can be difficult is parking and getting round the store with a trolley. Never go Sunday morning opening

Andrea Griffiths

Yes will ease congestion at Staple Tye shops. Should put one in Church Langley save residents driving to Staple Tye then.

Craig Messenger

What About One in the Harvey Centre where the old BHS Store where it was.... Central in town for people who don't have Transport to get to the other store. Gary Paul Tubb

I like Lidl. Kind of hope they could take an empty store in

could take an empty store in town as they are so competitive, could bring more people in.

But if not, Edinburgh Way definitely.

Joanna Catherine Jackson-Hoare

Harlow has enough supermarkets, I believe. **Amanda Robertson**



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TALKING POINT

Consideration must be given to effect of new homes on the existing towns

THE BIG QUESTION:

What is being done in our local area to preserve and safeguard the green belt?



HARLOW ALLIANCE



Nicholas Taylor

THE simple answer to this question is, not enough.

As the population of the country continues to grow at an alarming rate the pressure on all public services, infrastructure and housing grows with it.

Massive house-building programmes across the country inevitably mean increasing pressure to build homes in the countryside and in particular on green belt land.

This is evidenced by the

Local Plans of Harlow District Council, Epping Forest District Council and East Herts District Council which include the building of thousand of homes in this area, much of it on green belt land.

The lack of housing is a complex issue and one that cannot be overcome by simply building more homes

Many people from across the political spectrum now believe that radical changes are needed if this shortage is to be overcome.

Some of the ways to achieve this include: Giving more powers to local authorities to deal with owners purchasing homes seeking an investment but leaving them empty for many years; banning foreign investors from purchasing homes; giving incentives to house builders to build homes suitable for older and disabled people who could then downsize

and finally; and reducing stamp duty so that more people are financially able to move.

Whatever happens regarding the construction of new homes, it is imperative that careful consideration is given to the effect they have on the existing town and it's residents.

It should also ensure that existing and proposed infrastructure supports an acceptable lifestyle for those who live here.

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■ Every week, we'll be putting your questions to representatives of each of your main local parties. So get involved! Email your questions to get the issues that matter to you on the agenda.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Over £500 raised for dementia ward garden by Young Labour group

HARLOW Young Labour raised £562.53 for a garden for the dementia ward at Princess Alexandra Hospital.

A charity bingo night at The Greyhound pub was the setting for over 100 bingo goers on Friday, May 11.

Shannon Jezzard, the youth representative, for Harlow Young Labour, had the idea for the night and was joined by singers Cara Sheridan, Charlotte Howell and comedian Clare Harrison McCartney in her team.

Between them, they managed to get local

businesses to donate prizes to the cause and hosted the night.

There were ten prizes donated and won on the night, which consisted of a tattoo and piercing form Custom Ink, a psychic reading from The Mystery Chest in Bush Fair, a haircut from head2head, a three course meal from the Greyhound pub, Nando's vouchers, a gym pass from Xercise4less, Cineworld tickets, vouchers from Quaser and a buffet meal from

The Garden of India. There was a great turnout at the pub, with cash raised by bingo players and from a donations into a bucket.

into a bucket.
Clare said: "We look forward to seeing the garden in the dementia ward at PAH and to our next charity night, which is a comedy night called Stand up for Harlow.

"Dates and venue to be announced.

"Thank you to all the generous local businesses who donated and to the Greyhound pub for its hospitality and to everyone who donated and played on the night."



Shannon Jezzard, Cara Sheridan, Clare Harrison McCartney, Charlotte Howell

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YOUR EDUCATION NEWS

Pupils go behind scenes to see Lion King roar into life

CHILDREN got a unique opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal of a West End show.

A group of 60 Year 4 pupils from Cooks Spinney Primary Academy, in Harlow, were invited by Disney to get a behind-the-scenes look at the Lion King. The opportunity came as the year group studies Shakespeare's Romeo And Juliet.

Tracy Pope, Year 4 teacher, said: "The opportunity could

not have come at a better time as pupils have been writing play scripts with the inspiration of William Shakespeare in their literacy lessons.

"Parents were very excited their children were getting the opportunity to go to the theatre in London. During the show, actors were running down the aisles and our children were amazed. For many, it was their first theatre experience. The

whole day of travelling to London, theatre and extended school day were experiences to last for ever. As part of BMAT, these amazing opportunities are shared among our schools."

The free trip to the Lyceum Theatre in London was made possible as BMAT director of performing arts Cristin Casey is a member of the Teachers Advisory Board at the Disney Theatrical Group.



Students got a behind-the-scenes look at the Lion King



Rhys White, Amelie King, Grace Burgess, Georgia Pagram, Kayla Smith, Ella Grady, Casta Lowman and Max Shtenko

Saint Nicholas leap into the top spot at gymnastics contest

THE Saint Nicholas school gymnasts have taken the top spot at the Harlow Key Steps Gymnastics Competition held last Thursday.

After some strong competition from the other Harlow schools that took part, Saint Nicholas School secured success in both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 categories. Both winning teams now qualify to represent Harlow in the Essex schools competition in July which will be held at Basildon Sporting Village as part of the Essex Summer Games.

It is the fourth year running that the school's Key Stage 1 team have been victorious but it's the first year that Saint Nicholas' Key Stage 2 team have also secured the top spot.

All the gymnasts have worked very hard over the past few weeks and their gymnastics teachers, Mrs Hill and Mrs Fitch, say they are incredibly proud of all who took part.

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'There was some stunning work. It's always great to showcase excellence'

PASSMORES Academy proudly celebrated the work of its GCSE technology students when the school community was invited to attend an exhibition of Year 11's work this month.

The creations on display demonstrated the students' skills in resistant materials, textiles, food and nutrition, and 3D graphic design, and included examples ranging from bird boxes to beautifully cut dresses. Guests were also treated to a selection of canapés and refreshments prepared by Year 10 food tech students.

Awards were presented in recognition of outstanding effort and achievement across the subject areas to nine of the top students.

Technology teacher Marcus Hunt said: "The students' work exhibited was outstanding and this was down to their commitment and resilience across the year."

Vice-principal Natalie Christie agreed, adding: "Plenty of people came to celebrate the achievements of our students. There was some stunning work on display, and it's always great to showcase excellence."



Guests view the resistant materials display



Guests sample the refreshments on offer

Teacher Laura has lustrous locks lopped off in support of charities

A TEACHER at Passmores has taken the brave step of having her flowing locks radically chopped in support of three charities.

Laura King, whose tresses measured 65cm in length, had two pigtails of hair cut off and donated them to a charity that weaves wigs for people facing cancer treatment. Passmores student Megan Smith and assistant principal Russell King, who is also Laura's husband, chopped off one pigtail each in front of staff and students who watched

the feat with bated breath.

At the event, Laura dedicated her actions to a young friend of hers who died at the age of ten after battling leukaemia. She paid tribute to his zest for life and has given the funds generously donated by staff, students and community members to Blood-Wise, a charity which focuses on children with blood-borne diseases, and Passmores' charity, No Child Without.

Laura reported that she had been very pleased with hairdressing student Megan's scissor-work but less thrilled with her husband's effort, saying: "He hacked into it like he was doing the garden. It took my hairdresser an hour and a half to sort it out!"

If you would like to support the charities involved, you can do so via the following links:

No Child Without – https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/laura-galbriathnowking30

Bloodwise – https:// www.justgiving.com/ fundraising/mrs-king30



First pigtail is cut by Megan

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YOUR CHARITY NEWS

Helping visually impaired people across the county

SUPPORT 4 Sight assists visually impaired people in maintaining both their independence and quality of life.

The charities aim is to support local people throughout Essex and surrounding areas to cope positively with their sight loss.

The team also works to prevent avoidable sight loss and to raise awareness of the reality of living with sight difficulties.

The charity launched a Glaucoma Support Group at the end of March, the group started at 5pm and took place at The Princess Alexandra Hospital, in the Parndon Hall.

The Group is facilitated by a consultant, doctor and specialist nurse from the Glaucoma clinic whilst offering support from the Glaucoma Association, volunteers and our Support 4 Sight Community Support Worker, Vanessa Cowell.

The frequency will be decided by the group attendees.

The support group will be available for anyone affected by Glaucoma and their families to access advice and guidance while meeting others who have been similarly diagnosed.

Graham Hawkes, who uses the service said "The thing is with Glaucoma, it is known as the silent thief of sight, as it causes a build-up of pressure in the eyes which damages the optic nerve. Glaucoma is a slow painless condition that gradually damages your sight. Unfortunately, because it is optic nerve damage, once the damage is done there is no cure for this."

Graham who was signposted to the charity after finding himself unemployed and suffering from Glaucoma. He went onto volunteer and is now employed by the Charity as Services Coordinator.

"Best of all, I no longer live a lie! I don't have to try and hide in the background and be anonymous any longer, although those habits a hard to break sometimes, now I can just be myself"

Support 4 Sight has a wide range of services to meet the needs of people with sight loss. Our services are there to improve the quality of life for children and adults of any age.

Resource Centres are located in Saffron Walden and Chelmsford.

We also operate Outreach mornings, Eye Clinic Information Desks at Hospitals throughout Essex including Princess Alexandra Hospital and St. Margaret's Epping, monthly Coffee



Sam Tracey, Richard Boulton, and Graham Hawkes at Support 4 Sight

Mornings in Harlow, Braintree, Witham, Chelmsford, Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow, as well

as regular Social Trips. We support over 4,000 visually impaired people their families and carers in Essex each year. For more information about our Glaucoma Support Group and Support 4 Sight

contact Laura Thompson-Harper directly on 01799 588897 or visit www.support4sight.org.uk

St Clare's aims to add a splash of colour with 'Go Bright Walk'

GET your brightest clothes on, don a rainbow-coloured wig, and grab your friends and family because St Clare Hospice's first-ever Go Bright Walk is coming, and everyone is invited – on Saturday July 14.

St Clare promises that their latest summer fundraiser will be the 'brightest 5k in West Essex' as the family-friendly event comes to The Water Gardens for the first time.

Go Bright Walk excitement took over the Water Gardens in April when the St Clare team, clad in rainbow colours and accompanied by their tutu-wearing mascot, Clare Bear, officially launched their brand-new and brightest event in the St Clare calendar.

The event organiser, St Clare's Challenges and Events Fundraiser, Emma Broadbent, said: "Our first-ever Go Bright Walk promises to be the brightest 5k in town! It is the perfect event to kick-start your summer with the whole family. Setting off at 11am, and with a free family festival of stalls, games and treats taking place all day, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

"The lovely, bright St Clare logo is all the colours of the

rainbow, and we want to celebrate the brightness and happiness that St Clare brings to the lives of our community.

"That's why we are asking all our Go Bright Walkers to dress in their favourite, brightest and most exciting clothing to represent the brightness of St Clare!"

Dave Hartery, operations manager at The Water Gardens, said: "We are delighted to be hosting the first-ever St Clare Go Bright Walk and to be helping our local hospice's biggest summer fundraiser. Every year St Clare's events bring such a great atmosphere to



St Clare Hospice team members officially launching the Go Bright Walk

Harlow town centre – with hundreds of people gathering for a fantastic cause. We are excited that

this year's event includes a family festival of stalls and games, so that there is something for everyone to enjoy. The Water Gardens is proud to support St Clare in hosting this bright event to kick-start summer." HSH-E01-S2 Star. Thursday, May 24, 2018

YOUR YESTERYEAR

So is this how Harlow got its name then?

FOR me, learning about Harlow as a settlement takes me back to my GCSE geography lessons, sitting in Mr Summerville's class at St Mark's School, next to what felt like an industrial-sized radiator.

We were using Harlow as an example of settlement development from small, isolated farms and hamlets to its current New Town status

status.

While doing so, Sir went on to talk about the origins of Harlow and explained the name – a modernised version of "Haerlowe" which meant "meeting place on a hill". Now as an historian, I've come to know this in more detail as well as the other spellings and phrases that were used to describe the town where we live.

To understand the naming of Harlow we have to consider two particular aspects in the area, Stanegrove (Standing Grove) hill and the Roman conquests in AD 43. The hill, like in many early settlements, represents an important aspect in its ability to protect from the

wind and rain as well as afford a vantage point to spot any potential invaders from neighbouring tribes. It can also represent hierarchy with important meetings and decisions being made above the rest of the settlement. Giving importance to the hill correlates with the nearby land, with it often being used for pagan rituals and enclosed shrines even as the Romans occupied the land and made it their own over a period of 400 years.

The temple to Minerva assimilated the site and developed into a full enclosed temple with walls, gates, outhouses (for visitors and their offerings not a bathroom) which became a hub of activity for the area. The Romans are thought to call the site of Harlow "Temple Hill", but according to the book "History of Harlow" by the Harlow Development Corporation, Temple Hill isn't necessarily a settlement at this point but more a point of interest amongst a couple Roman villas. Once we get to the 5th century and the rule of the

Anglo-Saxons, that's when



Mootbury has a long link with the past

we start to properly see Harlow and various other locations and phrases make their appearance

their appearance.
Although the Saxons
adopted Christianity, they
still found use in using the
site at Stangrove to conduct
religious ceremony and
discuss local news. This is
where we see the Roman
"Temple Hill" become
"Hearg-Low" which bears
similarities to the above
"Haerlowe". However, we

know that the Saxons used the word "moot" for meetings and discussions which is present in places such as "Mootbury" (now Mulberry Green) and Moot House/Hall. Mootbury was known as the central meeting place for the local tribes within the kingdom of Essex, with the full stretch of land being known as the Hundred of Harlow (a term used to describe a exdirectory like document in

future). The Saxon phrasing doesn't stop there, with places like "The Hoo" having links back to this time in Harlow's past. The landscape of Harlow

The landscape of Harlow would go on to be adapted and named after future civilisations (Normans, Tudors, etc) but the name of our town would continue to remain into today's world. Next time you find yourself thinking about Harlow, spare a thought for the heritage

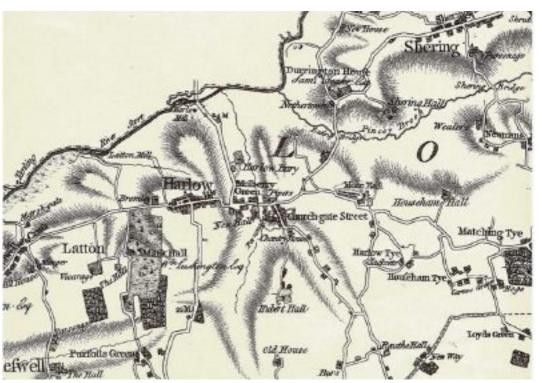
behind a name and maybe even work it into a pub quiz from time to time.

Today's piece features research from "History of Harlow" available to read in the museum's heritage library.

Harlow Museum is working with Heart4Harlow to host Harlow International Day on May 26 from noon to 5pm at Harlow Museum and Walled Gardens, Muskham Road, Harlow.



A sketch from the 1600s showing Some of "Harlowe's"



A 1777 map by John Chapman and Peter Andre showing the name of Harlow in its modern version

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YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

68-year-old set to walk 315 miles for charity

BUSINESSMAN Graham Ellis, 68, is busy preparing for his next charity challenge, in which he will walk 315 miles along the South West Coastal Path to raise funds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. This will be Graham's 38th

This will be Graham's 38th consecutive annual charity challenge since he started raising monies for worthy causes, when he ran the very first London Marathon in 1981 for the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow.

His charity challenges have included cycling 3,000 miles across the USA, cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, walking 100 miles across the Sahara desert and trekking to Machu Picchu.

Graham has raised to date over £500,000 for various local and national charities and was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the Queen's New Year Honours List in 2014 for his services to charity.

Graham will be starting his walk at Lizard Point in Cornwall on May 30 arriving in Poole, Dorset on June 30. He will be passing 8 lifeboat stations en route and will be inviting lifeboat crews to join him on various sections of the walk.

Since 1824 RNLI crews have saved 142,000 lives.

If you would like to know more about this challenge and would like to sponsor sim, please visit his fundraising page at https://www.justgiving.com/Graham-Ellis-BEM to make a donation. As always, Graham is funding the entire trip himself, so every penny donated will go directly to the nominated charity.

Graham lives with his wife Sandra in Old Harlow and has 6 grandchildren who will be following his progress every day while he is away good luck Grandad!



Graham making preparations for his 315-mile walk

Prehistoric-themed fun will raise hospital cash

THE Harvey Centre in Harlow is looking forward to supporting Great Ormond Street Hospital once again this year, with another 'One Great Day' event. This year the centre will be working alongside Paradise Wildlife Park to put on some extra special prehistoric and adventure themed events, which shoppers will be encouraged to enjoy for a charitable donation.

The event, which will take place on June 2 between 10am – 4pm, on the ground floor of the centre, will kick off with a visit from a baby dinosaur from 10am – 11am. The baby dinosaur is part of Paradise Wildlife Park's newest attraction: World of Dinosaurs. There will also be

entertainment from the Park's Safari Sam and his cute furry friends every half an hour between 11.30am and 3.30pm. Shoppers will also have the chance to see some real animals from the Park up close, on the hour, between 11am and 3pm.

In addition children will be able to enjoy pony rides and can meet Paradise Wildlife Park's iconic lion cub character from 10am – 4pm. There will be an animal-themed backdrop for the ultimate selfie. Shoppers will also be able to enjoy face painting for a small charge. Furthermore there will a craft workshop run by Phoenix Resourcing for shoppers to enjoy and a sweet cart will be available to

pick up sweet treats for a charitable donation.

The public will be asked to

The public will be asked to make a small donation to enjoy all of the activities - all proceeds of which will go to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

One Great Day is a registered charity and was initiated by parents of a child who had received care at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Their aim is to inspire, engage and empower communities to make a difference by engaging in fun, fundraising events across the UK, on One Great Day!

Bryan Young, Centre Manager at The Harvey Centre says, "Last year we held a spectacular event that



A photo from last year's event

raised an incredible amount for this vital hospital. This year we want to up our game and raise even more so we really hope our customers dig deep. Paradise Wildlife Park has been incredible to work with and they've allowed us to offer something for all tastes – it's definitely not an event to be HSH-E01-S2 Star. Thursday. May 24, 2018

Busy optometrist tests hundreds of eyes and gives out glasses in Ghana

OPTOMETRIST Talha Newsar from Specsavers in Harlow has returned from Ghana where he helped to improve the eyesight of disadvantaged people.

The 24-year-old travelled to the town of Kumasi as part of the charity Vision Aid Overseas, after raising £1,700 in donations from staff and the community. He was based in a university helping to train students and also visited local villages to test people aged from three to 90 years old.

Talha, who has worked at Specsavers in Harlow since he qualified in 2016, said: "I became an optometrist because it is a profession which combines technical skills and healthcare, while allowing me to help people with eye-related problems, and also gives me an opportunity to build relationships with my team and customers. Working in Africa with Vision Aid

Overseas combined all of those things perfectly, and it was an amazing experience."

Each day Talha and the team tested more than 100 people, working in 39 degree conditions, providing glasses to those that needed them and training the students on how to perform eye tests. He said: "The heat was difficult to get used to. I'd never worked in conditions like that before but meeting all the students and staff in Ghana made the whole experience worthwhile. I would definitely do it again.

"Now that I am more experienced, I will be better prepared and have the opportunity to go as a team leader next time."

Vision Aid Overseas works in six African nations to establish vision centres, train healthcare workers and utilise the expertise of volunteers to give people desperately-needed eye examinations and treatment.



Glasses have now been donated to international sight charity Vision Aid Overseas (VAO) to benefit those in need across Africa

Photo: VISIONAID



Donations help improve the eye health of those less fortunate in the developing world

Photo: VISIONAID

Harlow

■ BABY EVENT: Save up to 90% on quality pre-loved goods. Clothes, toys, prams, walkers, high-chairs, books, playpens and much more. Saturday, June 9 from 2 to 4pm at BOUNCE HQ, 17 Perry Road, Harlow CM18 7NR. Admission £1 adults, children free.

Refreshments available, free parking and lots of fun for the little ones. Providers of children's entertainment craft and business stalls welcome. For further details contact 07825 875287.

The RSPCA Stort Valley
Branch is an independent
charity that helps animals in
the local area. The charity
would like to hear from
anyone who can spare a few

hours a month to help with the charity's work. The Branch needs people with a variety of skills as the work is varied and includes fundraising, fostering animals, administration and working in our busy clinic and advice centre.

It is a great opportunity to become directly involved in animal welfare work.

You do not need to be an expert in any area although commitment, common sense and basic computer skills are important.

If you have ever thought about volunteering and would like some more information please email volunteer® rspcastortvalley.org.uk or go along to their new volunteers coffee and cake morning on June 29 from 10.30am at their clinic in The Stow to find out all the opportunities that are available.

Sawbridgeworth

■ MORRIS MEET: Fiddlers'
Brook Morris meet every
Tuesday at 8pm at Allens
Green Village Hall near
Sawbridgeworth. New comers
are welcome to go along and
give it a try for fun, exercise
and friendship and to help
keep a tradition going?
Musicians also welcome. Call
01279 723707 or email
neilandgillmunro@aol.com or
see our Facebook page.

Standon

■ TEEN DANCE: DDMIX (Diverse Dance Mix) dance fitness classes are held every Wednesday at Standon Village Hall for teenagers between 5.45 and 6.30pm, term time.

No dance experience is

required, just lots of enthusiasm and a pair of trainers. It costs £5, which can be paid on the door each week. Call Julie on 07971 699615 or visit: dancejamacademy.co.uk for more details.

■ FIT FOR ALL: Pure Stretch releases muscular tension, develops core strength, and reduces mental and physical fatioue.

It is suitable for everyone, easy to follow, sociable and light-hearted. Call Denise, your local fitness instructor, for times and classes on 01920 823072 or 07703 277862.

■ CREATIVE LITTLE ONES:

Art, craft and messy play classes are held for under fives. The sessions are held on Wednesdays between 1pm and 1.45pm at Standon Village Hall

Go along and have some

creative fun with your little one. Email Becky to book a free trial at: artexplorers1@ gmail.com or visit: www.artexplorers.co.uk for more information.

■ MUSICIANS AND

MOVERS: Put a jingle in your step and become a morris dancer. Have a bash at Cotswold dance traditions with Standon Morris at practice sessions on Thursday evenings

Thursday evenings.
The mixed side welcomes anyone from 10 years old upwards. No experience necessary, and it is free. The group gathers from about 8pm onwards in The Star before heading down to Standon Village Hall at 8.30pm. Musicians are also needed to play.

To find out more, call Catherine on 07808 969379 or send an email to: standon.morris@gmail.com

YOUR NEWS

■ We compile our Community News pages two weeks in advance of publication. If you'd like to include a

fiture event please make sure you tell us in plenty of time so our readers can come along.

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As predicted, I chickened out

ALWAYS wanted to be able to drop into a place and for the owners to say "The usual?"

I would only ever have wanted it to work that way round. You never ask for "the usual". I saw a man walk into a pub once and ask for "the usual" and then have to explain to the barmaid what his usual was.

It's impossible to come back from that. It's the hospitality business equivalent of coming up with your own nickname or liking your own posts on Facebook.

I always thought it would make me feel like James Bond, or the late Sir David Frost, or Rihanna, a cut above the other customers, who are just a faceless mass.

I was very wrong. Over the past six months or so, I have been frequenting a small Korean takeaway. It's a little treat on a Friday evening. If you have never tried Korean food, it basically keeps all the things you like about East Asian food, discards all the things you don't like about East Asian food,

and adds mayonnaise and crispy fried chicken. I blame the Americans. After a couple of successful meals, I

found a dish on the menu that is like the ambrosia of the gods. It's a sort of crispy chicken with a spicy sauce served with vegetables and rice, and as I write that down I realise it sounds like 93% of all food sold in Chinese takeaways, but it is so much better

It was love at first sight. I didn't know that chicken and rice could work so well together. I couldn't stop thinking about it. I ordered it the next time, just to see if it was just a one-night stand. It was just as good.

This specific meal is only available at this one takeaway under this specific name, and so, to help

It was love at first sight. I didn't know that chicken and rice could work so well

> Gary has found his ultimate takéaway dish

maintain some sort of anonymity for the takeaway in the fairly safe expectation that the owners do not read this column, I will call it Bang Tidy Chicken.

It got to the point where I would wake on Friday mornings and be excited that I would be having Bang Tidy Chicken that evening. It would literally be my first thought, or my second if my first was "Oh, great, I've just knocked my glass of water over my phone. I need rice. Oooh, that reminds me.

Sometimes I would go into the takeaway and look at the board and think, "You know what, Gary, maybe there are other dishes on this menu that you would like just as much as Bang Tidy Chicken. You should branch out. This is how Brexit happened."

But Bang Tidy Chicken would always win out, its gravitational pull was too great. Even if I'd decided to go for a katsu bibimbap, my mouth would form the words "Bang Tidy Chicken", saving me from myself.

And then... One Friday evening I walked into the takeaway, and the owner said, "Bang Tidy Chicken?



Oh, no, I thought. This is not how I imagined it would be. I don't feel like James Bond at all. Not only have I proven myself to be predictable and unadventurous, but I am, by a process of elimination, insulting all his other dishes.

"Er, er, no," I said. "I wanted, erm, erm..." I scanned the menu wildly and picked a dish at random.

I took it back to the office and tucked in. It was fine. If I'd never had Bang Tidy Chicken I'd probably have been pleased. But it wasn't Bang Tidy Chicken, not even close.

Still, I had wrong-footed the owner. And when I went in to the takeaway over the next few weeks, he did not take for granted the fact I wanted Bang Tidy Chicken, even though I definitely ordered it.

But the following week he did it again, as I walked through the door. "Bang Tidy Chicken?" he said, somehow making the question mark at the end of that query into an exclamation mark

Shame made me buy a different meal. And so I find myself in a position where I have to alternate Bang Tidy weeks and other, lesser, weeks, until the owner works out the

After that, I don't know what will happen. But, currently, I am effectively paying twice as much for the privilege of having my Friday treat, but only having that treat half

This is just typical for me. The usual, you might say.

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FILM REVIEWS

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ALSO OUT THIS WEEK



Parvana (voiced by Saara Chaudry) and father Nurullah (Ali Badshah) in The Breadwinner

THE BREADWINNER (12A)

Hope takes root in the barren wilderness of present-day Afghanistan in Nora Twomey's beguiling drama, which was deservedly nominated as Best Animated Feature at this year's Academy Awards. Based on the book by Deborah Ellis, The

Based on the book by Deborah Ellis, The Breadwinner is a beautifully crafted and deeply moving celebration of the fragile human spirit as seen through the tear-filled eyes of a family struggling to make ends meet under a brutal regime that subjugates women.

Twomey's film doesn't shy away from depicting the intimidation and punishment of female characters including one scene of a mother being bludgeoned with a walking stick for daring to leave her house without a male guardian.

Violence is meted out off-screen but we hear and feel every sickening blow and share the victims' sense of injustice that silently rages behind their swollen and bruised lips.

Expressive and vibrant hand-drawn visuals alternate between an earthy palette for battle-scarred reality and an explosion of retinasearing colour for the fantastical fables that family members share to temporarily salve their pain.

SHOW DOGS (PG)

Raja Gosnell, director of Beverly Hill Chihuahua, collars a buddy cop movie, which is essentially Miss Congeniality on four legs, with dysfunctional canines replacing the beauty queens.

Show Dogs is a shaggy dog tale of questionable pedigree that will probably delight very young audiences, who might gurgle with glee at the sight of a Rottweiler (voiced by Chris "Ludacris" Bridges) sneakily breaking wind while its unsuspecting owner (Will Arnett) is soaping its rear.

Anyone with an age in double digits will be less enthralled, and grateful that this preposterous undercover sting at one of the world's most prestigious animal shows only wags its tail for 92 minutes.

THE LITTLE VAMPIRE (U)

Richard Claus and Karsten Killerich's computeranimated adaptation of the children's book series penned by Angela Sommer-Bodenburg doesn't quite hammer a stake through the heart of beloved source material ... but it comes close.

Bolted together with outlandish action sequences and a sense of humour unabashedly aimed at younger audiences, The Little Vampire desiccates a familiar yarn of friendship and acceptance between two boys - one mortal, the other fanged.

Pop culture references will sail over the heads of children, who will be more interested in an udderly ridiculous vampiric cow, which offers dubious comic relief by dive-bombing the film's pitiful archvillain with fresh dung from its back side



SCOUNDREL YEARS

SOLO: A STAR WARS
STORY (12A) ****

f Ryan Johnson's tour of duty with Star Wars Episode VIII: The Last Jedi propelled George Lucas's saga into a galaxy far, far away from the old-fashioned charm of the original trilogy, Solo: A Star Wars Story slingshots at lightspeed in the opposite direction.

Scripted by Jonathan Kasdan and father Lawrence, co-writer of The Empire Strikes Back and Return Of The Jedi, the second standalone anthology film after Rogue One sketches the formative years of the charismatic scoundrel Han Solo in comforting, broad strokes.

strokes.

Ron Howard captains the hulking ship after director duo Phil Lord and Christopher Miller were tossed into a sarlacc pit over 'creative differences' a few months into production.

Behind-the-scenes turmoil hasn't manifested noticeably on screen.

Howard's gung-ho romp of double-crossing criminals is clinical, bookmarked by impressively staged set-pieces laden with pyrotechnics and special effects.

Solo's name is emboldened in the title but he's the least interesting element and Alden

Ehrenreich's performance falls short of the smouldering, rascally delights of Harrison Ford

Instead, London-born actress Phoebe Waller-Bridge, creator of award-winning comedy Fleabag, shines brightest through the digitally rendered gloom as a rebellious droid, who is hard-wired to demand equal rights for her mechanised kin.

A nifty prologue set on the ship building planet Corellia illustrates the doomed romance of Han (Ehrenreich) and sweetheart Qi'ra (Emilia Clarke).

Three years later, after a cute meeting with Wookiee sidekick Chewbacca (Joonas Suotamo), Han seeks a route back to Corellia by hijacking a consignment of crystal fuel coaxium with thief-for-hire Tobias Beckett (Woody Harrelson) and his accomplices Val (Thandie Newton) and Rio (voiced by Jon Fayreau).

The heist doesn't unfold as planned and the deflated reprobates become indebted to Dryden Vos (Paul Bettany), leader of the Crimson Dawn crime syndicate. Thus, Han and Beckett

Thus, Han and Beckett reluctantly undertake a more dangerous assignment: to steal canisters of unrefined coaxium from Kessel.

To accomplish this seemingly impossible feat, the thieves must wrest the Millennium Falcon from smuggler Lando Calrissian (Donald Glover) and his deadpan droid L3-37 (Waller-Bridge).

Bridge).
Solo: A Star Wars Story looks and feels like a throwback to the original canon replete with visual nods to Han's lucky dice and the Dejarik holochess table.

The series' mythology, which stretches decades into the future after this film concludes, severely limits the number of characters who can sustain serious injury.

serious injury.
Consequently, there's scant dramatic tension despite the efforts of composer John Powell to riff noisily on John Williams's recognisable main theme.

A lean script provides a smattering of one-liners to underscore Han and Chewie's jocular banter and Glover has fun with his flirtatious chancer, who always deals himself a winning hand.

"I've got a good feeling about this," grins Han as he sits in the captain's chair for the first time, a neat reversal of Luke Skywalker's famous line in Episode IV: A New Hope.

I harboured similar feelings of quiet optimism for Howard's picture but like the mighty Millennium Falcon, when she emerges from the Kessel run, my expectations were badly dented.



Paul Bettany is Dryden Vos in Solo: A Star Wars Story

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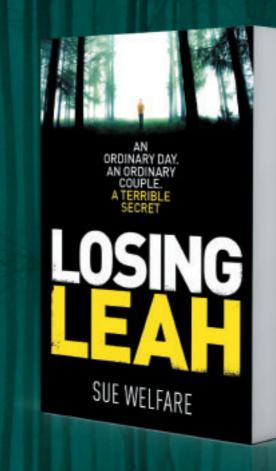
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I don't know how many songs I've written... I've been performing for 46 years

You have had many hits over the years like Me Myself I and Love And Affection. Have they become part of people's lives? THAT'S the great thing about being

a songwriter, people will say 'Oh, we used your song at a very sad time, somebody died, it was their favourite song, we had to have it with them at the funeral.' You can't get a bigger compliment than that.

You get 'We named our child after one of your songs.' There's a lot of Rosies and Willows out there! 'We got married to that song, we met through that song, we went to a concert and we were both so into your music and we hooked up...'
I get all kinds of stories, all around

these things that I've written. It's the best feeling, I absolutely love it. And I do meet these people, because they want tell me that 'I'm named because of your song,' so I've met quite a few of them which is lovely.

Did you write before you became a songwriter?

I WROTE funny little limericks. But I started writing when I was 14 and as soon as the piano arrived - my mother bought a piano, thought it was a great piece of furniture - I started writing songs.

They were lyrics as opposed to limericks. I don't remember any of the songs from that age, but I know I just switched over immediately and started writing lyrics

Are you a fan of literature?

I LOVE words. I love reading Dickens, I read a lot of Dickens, all the classic stuff, Shakespeare and so on, just because the words are so nice, how it all flows, the language that they use.

Do you know how many songs you've written?

DO you know somebody asked me that not so long ago? No, I don't. It's hundreds.

This is the 21st album and I've been performing for 46 years. There's usually at least 10 on each album so there's a lot of songs just in the albums.

How would you describe your relationship with your fans?

IF it wasn't for these wonderful people tagging along I wouldn't

Acclaimed British singersongwriter Joan Armatrading has released 21 albums. She tells **MARION McMULLEN** why she likes to be hands-on in the recording studio

have had such a great ride and if I didn't have new people coming along it wouldn't sustain. People do die and people's tastes change.

Some might think 'Oh, Joan was wonderful when she was 26 but now she's 67, I don't think so.' That can happen, so you can lose people like that or because they've just moved, or they've had children and their focus is on something totally

You need the loyal fans, and I'm happy to say I have some very loval fans. And I love doing live shows because there's always such a great mix of people. I'm very lucky.

Have you been involved in all aspects of your new album Not Too Far Away?

PRETTY much, yes. I wrote everything, recorded, engineered, programmed the drums, I'm playing everything, I arranged everything, I wrote and arranged all the strings and, yes, sang it all, did

everything.
But that's just because I can, and I love to do it, and it's what I want to do. I've always done it. But when it comes to the mixing then I always work with a mixing engineer because I would never want to go through that whole process completely on my own, I think that would be not healthy. You need some other ears, you know

How would you describe the album?

IT'S positive. I'm a positive person. In all my songs the words are pretty much positive and the music is always up. The music is always something that I think will try and make you smile.

Any favourite tracks? ONE of my favourites, actually they're all my favourites, is the piano song, Always In My Dreams.

I love reading problem pages and there's always somebody saying 'Oh, I really fancy this guy, or I really fancy this girl, and I don't know how to approach them, and I've said to my friends, this is the person I need to marry...' But they're never saying it to that person, and the advice quite often is, just pluck up the courage and talk to that person.

And this song is kind of the same thing - if you have somebody you really want to connect with, you can't really afford to mess about, you've just got to get on with it.

Do you still enjoy playing the big hits live?

Joan Armatrading says

she will perform her big hits on her upcoming

tour. Left, Joan in 1988

ABSOLUTELY, I look forward to playing Love And Affection. I would never dream of doing a concert where I didn't play Love And Affection. Why would I? That's the song that got me known. So I can sing Love and Affection, Me Myself I, Drop The Pilot, Willow, Rosie, all the songs, and I'll still have time to do all the new album!

■ JOAN Armatrading's new album Not Too Far Away is out now on BMG and will be followed by a UK tour in September. For details go to joanarmatrading.com



JAMES BAY - ELECTRIC LIGHT

★★★★ JAMES BAY, the crooner for the hipster generation, has now released his second studio album and stepped away from the acoustic guitars and into a room of mellow soul and rousing gospel voices.

Wasted on Each Other opens up with a dirty guitar riff, his distinctive smooth soul sound soars over the top, and Pink Lemonade is going to be summer radio fodder, with a light beat and 1980s-style pop rock guitars keeping the track fizzing.

Wanderlust is a grower, there is more than a hint of Fleetwood Mac lurking under the melody.

One thing is certain: Bay is growing as an artist. If you are looking for an eclectic piece of fun this is it. It should certainly be on your soundtrack to this summer.

RAY LAMONTAGNE -PART OF THE LIGHT

WITH musicality as rich and elegant as his second name, Ray

LaMontagne's seventh album Part Of The Light is an exciting wander through several genres.

From soul to folk to rock, via a few tracks that sound a little Beatles and Bowie-esque, the Grammy-winning American singer-songwriter has produced a small but mighty collection that only gets better as you tick off each track

LaMontagne's gravelly vocals stand up against the whining guitar riffs and seductively soul-scouring sounds of standout track As Black As Blood Is Blue, which conjures images of being

in a sweaty, swaying gig venue. Rousing, emotive, chunky closer Goodbye Blue Sky will have you reaching to press play and listen to it all over again, right away.

ASH - ISLANDS

THERE'S often a trepidation when bands of a certain vintage ISLANDS announce new material, with concerns over a misguided change of direction or an unimagina-tive regurgitation of a tried and tested formula. But no such fear with Islands, the seventh studio album from Britpop dukes, Ash, which grafts

Fans of Trailer and 1977-era Ash will have their cockles warmed by the punk-infused Buzzkill, while Confessions In The Pool offers a slice of indie disco.

There are flavours of Weezer and Arctic Monkeys, but the overall sound is unmistakably Ash - out on their own, still making triumphant records.



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Wheel of fortune



After a rocky few years, Twisted Wheel are back. Frontman Jonny Brown tells MARTIN NEAL about getting through the hard times and making the most of a second chance

he Wheel is turning again - and it's gathering momentum. After trundling down a rocky road then grinding to a halt in 2014, punk-tinted indie rockers Twisted Wheel are back on the road and making music.

And for rejuvenated frontman Jonny Brown, who has battled back from homelessness, depression and addiction, it's like starting all over again.

Energetic indie anthems such as You Stole The Sun, She's A Weapon and Lucy The Castle earned the Oldham young guns a glowing reputation after they burst onto the scene in 2007 and they earned high-profile support slots as a result. It looked like it was all over

four years ago but, like an early surprise from Santa, Twisted Wheel appeared again last December. With original drummer Adam Clarke joining Jonny plus new boys Richard Allsopp (guitar) and Harry Lavin (bass), they're up and running again and making up for lost time.

"Things were topsy turvy for a while," admitted Brown with a liberal dose of understatement. "But I want to get back to what it was like before, get some music done and not let things get in the way.
"We did some acoustic dates

and then started to get things together. I don't think we really appreciated what he had back then. We didn't have much radio airplay but we had support slots with people like Oasis, Kasabian and Ian Brown so we got to play music in front of some big crowds.

"We had a good fan base -there were a lot of bands who'd have given anything to have what we had.

"But we partied too much and things started to crack and if you don't turn it around you drive yourself into a big hole. It all went to pot. Now I want to get back to where we were before that.'

The comeback dates have been well received, with Brown noticing a lot of younger faces in the audience, and the new songs have gone down encouragingly well.

"We've started off with an EP," explained Brown. "It's three tracks and an outro. We haven't really got the funds for a full album because we haven't been working for the last few years so we've started with this - we'll do some vinvl and get some songs on Spotify

"I've got an album full of new songs though and it's very strong. It starts with the punk side of the vibe we had but other tracks bring in new sounds. There's some psychedelic stuff on there and some classic rock that's like Neil Young or Tom Petty.

"The new songs have gone down well when we've played them. We've seen people jumping around even though they've never heard the songs before and they've been singing the chorus by the end."



The current tour began last month and lasts until July. covering the length and breadth of the country as the band get up close and personal in some cosy little venues.

"The way promoters are looking at it, and I'm not dissing them," said Brown, "is 'well you've been away for a long time, are you going to sell

any tickets?'
"Next time we'll be able to demand bigger venues because we've been selling out venues on this tour.

"I like small venues though. It gives you the chance to get close to the audience and get hot and sweaty. I want to get back to how it was it 2009.

It's been a hard road just to get this far back though.
"I was homeless for a while,"

admitted Brown, "and I'd lost all my guitars because I'd pawned them. I was depressed and I'd given up on life.

"It's really cheered me up that people still remember us and have time for us because the way I was going it was going to end one of two ways I'd be dead from drugs or down and depressed.

"There are lots of people I've grown up with in the music business who haven't got as far as I have and I think it would be taking the p*** if I didn't make the most of it."

■ Twisted Wheel play the Half Moon in Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, May 26.

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DOWN THE PUB



We've been made aware of a few pub festivals for the bank holiday weekend (apologies if we missed any). The Rose and Crown, Bishop's Stortford, is hosting Vernfest over two days, May 26 and 27. It runs from 1pm until 11pm on both days (tickets £8 weekend/£5 day) and features at least 19 bands, including The Real McKoys, pictured above, and VT11. The Beehive, in Basildon, hosts Bee-Fest on Sunday, May 27, with a more modest four bands playing. Entry is free and you'll see Sidekick, The Roosters, Dooijp and The Statins, between 2.30pm and 8pm. Then the Golden Fleece in Chelmsford is running a three-day event (Friday to Sunday) with 6-String Makeover, Ultimate 80s and Skamite headlining each day. Entry is free. Gigs for May 25-27

- Star & Garter, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford: Saturday - The Statins
- The Bull, Colchester: Saturday Electrum; Sunday -Beautiful Dangerous
- Cricketers, Southend: Friday David Woodcock; Saturday - Kopy Katz ■ Horse & Groom, Braintree: Sunday - SFN (Foo
- Waggon at Wix: Saturday Space Rocks; Sunday -
- Punch It Chewie ■ Railway Hotel, Clifftown Road, Southend: Friday (8.30pm) - Motorcycle Display Team; Saturday - The Sky Diamonds: Sunday (4.40pm) - Johnny Gunner
- Boars Head, Braintree: Saturday Pure DC; Sunday Wrong Jovi
- Cow & Telescope, Southend: Friday Beggar; Saturday - Charlie's Aunt
- Smugglers Den, Hullbridge: Saturday Dead Man's

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HOW YOU CAN HAVE TOO MUCH OF A GOOD-FOR-YOU THING

WORKING OUT IS GREAT - AS LONG AS YOU AREN'T PUTTING TOO MUCH STRAIN ON YOURSELF. **PRUDENCE WADE** FINDS OUT WHAT OVEREXERCISING ACTUALLY MEANS

NY exercise is good for you, right? Well, broadly yes – dragging yourself off the sofa and to the gym can help reduce the risk of various diseases, improve your mental state and extend your life.

However, when it comes to exercise, there definitely can be too much of a good thing.

It might seem that the more hours you spend working out, the better - but it is possible to over-exert yourself, and this can be hugely damaging for your body.

Here, Dr Emil Hodzovic from Medichecks.com reveals what overexercising means, and what actually happens when you consistently train too hard...

IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE

OBVIOUSLY, professional athletes have to be wary of over-exercising, but don't be fooled into thinking that it can't affect the average gym-goer as well. This doesn't mean that anyone who's done a gruelling spin class is overdoing it.

Dr Hodzovic says: "It's different from merely being tired after a good workout or aching the next day. It's when these symptoms stick around for days and weeks on end."

Overexercising isn't just going too hard in your training. Dr Hodzovic says it is a "combination of both training too much and recovering too

It's also important to think of the quality of your recovery.

"Staying up for three nights on energy drinks and pizza to finish an assignment or project can contribute hugely to the 'inadequate recovery' part of the equation," Dr Hodzovic explains.

SHORT-TERM EFFECTS

UNFORTUNATELY, Dr Hodzovic says over-exercising is "hard to define or identify", because the line might be very different for different people.

However, there are some shortterm symptoms that could suggest you are taking things a little too far and not resting enough.

This includes a low mood and minimal motivation, which is particularly telling because exercise should release endorphins and ultimately boost your mood and energy levels. The same goes for poor sleep, something else that working out should help improve, if you're getting the timings right.

It also could have an impact on the quality of your workouts. Chances are, if you're overdoing it, your body will be so tired that your performance won't be as good as you're used to,

and the intensity that you're able to train at will go down as a result. Physically, it's a no-brainer that

Physically, it's a no-brainer that overdoing it can give you pain in your muscles and joints, as well as increase the change of injuries

increase the chance of injuries. Dr Hodzovic says: "These are caused by a host of physiological effects within the body, some of which can be measured directly.

"These can include blood tests and heart rate measurements."

LONG-TERM EFFECTS

EXERCISE addiction is a very real and dangerous phenomenon. It's unsurprising really – just think of the runner's high, which often makes people want to pound the pavements more and more.

Social media can be part of the picture too, increasing the pressure to fit in with unrealistic body expectations, and encouraging people to compare their own progress with that of others.

Exercise addiction can also often come hand in hand with orthorexia – an obsession with eating so-called 'healthy' or 'clean' foods.

As well as having a shortterm impact, over-exercising can have significant long-term effects. Dr Hodzovic describes how the constant stress on your body can change certain hormone levels, which might make it harder for diseases to be detected.

He says: "Salivary cortisol can help to identify serious disorders of cortisol production, such as Cushing's disease, but can also allude to It's different from merely being tired after a good workout or aching the next day. It's when these symptoms stick around for days and weeks on end

Dr Emil Hodzovic from the website Medichecks.com

increases in stress, including training stress.

"Hormones such as testosterone, oestradiol and the thyroid hormones can also be suppressed by overtraining and exacerbated by suboptimal nutrition, especially when taken to the extremes."

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

UNSURE whether you might be overexercising? Dr Hodzovic says using blood markers for baseline readings of your hormones to see how they change over time, which can often be an indicator that you're putting your body under too much stress, can be helpful.

"Heart rate variability and lying

"Heart rate variability and lying and standing heart rate readings are also used to assess recovery and over-training status," he adds.

over-training status," he adds. However, Dr Hodzovic's main recommendation for seeing if you are pushing it too hard is remarkably easy and unscientific.

"One of the most effective tools is simply keeping an accurate training and performance log along with how you feel day to day, both in regards to training but also in terms of moods and feelings," he says.

"Irritability, anger, depression,

affect the average gym-goer as much as

"Irritability, anger, depression, apathy and increased perceived rates of exertion can all be signs of over-training, especially when there is no other obvious cause."

Dr Hodzovic says the solutions to over-training are simple enough, but might be tough to implement. "They include allowing adequate

"They include allowing adequate time for rest and recovery, ensuring adequate sleep, hydration and nutrition and even training in a different way for a period of time," he

Addictions in any form can be damaging, physically and mentally, so it's important to remember: In exercise, as in life, balance is key.

Overdoing it can increase chances of an injury



■ EATING lots of potatoes, rice and pasta helps lose weight faster than counting calories alone, a study found.

Those looking to shed the pounds can fill up quicker on less "energy-dense" foods so they have fewer cravings for snacks and junk food.

Fresh fruit, vegetables, lean meat, fish, eggs and pulses have the same effect. They typically have fewer calories than processed foods.

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Study leader Dr Nicola Buckland, from Leeds University, said: "A lot of people give up on diets because they feel hungry between meals. Our research shows eating low-density foods helps."

Thirty-seven overweight

women who ate low energy density food for 14 weeks lost an average 12lbs 13oz.

■ LONDONERS are most likely to share photos of their food on social media than Brits from any other region, new research shows. One in five admitted to posting "food porn" selfies, followed by people in the Midlands at 16%, Wales at 12% and the South-east at 10%.

■ UK OFFICE workers spend an alarmingly limited amount of time outdoors each day, putting their health and wellbeing at risk. The study of 1,000 UK office workers found that almost 40% spend a maximum of just 15 minutes outside.

This is even less than prisoners, who require "at least one hour of suitable exercise in the open air daily", according to UN guidelines.





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FAMILY HEALTH

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEND A FORTUNE TO KEEP THE WHOLE FAMILY IN SHAPE, SAYS FITNESS EXPERT **RUTH LYNCH**

RINCE HARRY attends a £7,000-a-year gym, it was recently claimed. Yes, exercise and wellbeing are big business – it's a market that's expected to be worth £22.8 billion by 2020.

Consumer spending on gym membership soared by 44% in 2015 and has been climbing ever since. With healthy cookbooks, boutique gyms, high-end trainers, designer workout gear and a raft of gadgets to track just about every part of your body and workout – it would seem that to get in shape, you need to dig deep.

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But that's just not the case. Many people think that to get fit and healthy that they have to spend big, but that's a dangerous myth that needs to be quashed. Becoming healthier can, in many ways, be free and be as simple as adding a ten-minute brisk walk into your daily routine.

JUST MOVE MORE

YOU don't actually have to spend a penny on getting fit. To become fitter and get healthier we just need to move more. Some activities, such as walking, running and playing football with the kids are completely free (you might just need to buy/borrow some trainers).

Your local park might have free football and rugby pitches, tennis courts and even a running track if you don't have access to a garden or don't like running on the streets

You can find innovative and easy ways to add more movement into your day – get off your bus or train a stop early, walk the kids to school, have a dance competition in the lounge on a rainy day or take the stairs instead of the lift.

EXERCISE ONLINE

THE internet is often given a bad rap for gluing us to our screens, however it can also be an invaluable tool when getting healthy without spending money.

Not only will you find lots of exercise, workout and yoga/ stretching videos, there are plenty of tips on family fitness, healthy recipes and groups where you can find advice, help and support when the going gets tough.

Just make sure you choose the most highly rated videos, or videos form a trusted source like a health provider or qualified coach, to make sure you're learning from the best. The NHS website has a page of free gym workouts, five and ten-minute workouts and even a 12-week fitness programme, all at no cost

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A GOOD place to find free classes and groups is your local park or community notice board. There are often lots of family sessions, community led classes or groups that meet up and exercise together.

Some classes may make a charge of a few pounds, but this will be much cheaper than a







run in your
local park or
check out
local
community
sports
facilities
which may
have all the
equipment
you need at a
fraction of the
cost of a

private gym

£575-a-month gym membership like Prince Harry's! If you can't find a group doing an activity you enjoy - why not start one?

BE WEB WISE

CHECK out parkrun.org.uk, tennisforfree.com or other national sports websites. Sporting bodies often offer free sessions for adults and children to try out a new activity.

Your local council, sports trust or charities may also run similar schemes, so it's worth checking out their websites or following them on social media platforms.

LOOK PAST THE LABELS

WE all like to look good, but snagging the most instagrammable outfit for your workout is probably going to leave you broke - and won't do much to help your fitness goals! Some outfits can cost upwards of £200 and that's without the most important bit, the trainers

Some activities do require specific kit to keep you safe or comfortable – a box for cricket, swimming costume, padded shorts for cycling or a hockey stick for example – but you can get active in anything light and easy to move in, especially when you're just starting out.

Supermarket own-brand labels and high-street shops are a great place to head for low-cost clothes for working out in – as are discount and charity shops too.

Many supermarkets now have their own lines of activewear and provide added benefits like sweat-wicking fabric, for a fraction of the cost of some of the more 'lifestyle' brands beloved by fitness bloggers and celebs.

BECOME A MEMBER

YOU don't need to spend £7,000 a year on going to the gym! Many gyms and leisure centres, especially ones in your local community, are a fraction of this price.

Some offer reduced rates for students, families, older people and those on a low income. The added benefit of being a member is that you will have free access to all the facilities for as little or as much time as you want you each week.

Do your research as some gyms offer unlimited classes as part of your monthly payment - classes are an interesting and fun way to keep fit (which will keep you going back for more).

APP-ILY EVER AFTER

SOME branded fitness trackers can be very expensive, but unless you're a word-class athlete or training for major sporting challenge like a marathon, you don't need a costly fitness tracker. There are lots of low cost trackers online, so it's good to do a bit of research and ask people you know.

And the truth is, you don't even need a tracker! There are plenty of free apps to download which cover workouts, running styles, walking routes and much more.

There are also plenty that track food intake, exercise and step

The NHS' Couch to 5K is an excellent free app that gently takes you from coach potato to proficient runner in nine weeks.

■ Ruth Lynch, Head of Health, Fitness & Communities at Life Leisure sports trust, lifeleisure.net



HOW DO I GET MY DAUGHTER TO TELL ME IF SHE IS BEING BULLIED ONLINE?

OI THINK my 12-year-old daughter is being bullied online. She hasn't said anything but I've seen her in tears looking at her phone, and one of her friends hinted that she might be being cyberbullied. What should I do?

ADR Liam Hackett, anti-bullying activist and CEO of Ditch the Label (ditchthelabel.org), says: "One of the biggest reasons young people don't talk about any negative issues or cyberbullying they're experiencing online is because they're embarrassed or scared of getting told off by their parents. Therefore, first and foremost, reassure her that you love her unconditionally and that she can talk to you about absolutely anything that

may be bothering her.
"Another way to get
her to open up to you
could be by spending
some quality time
together, as mother
and daughter, away
from technology,
whether that be
shopping, going to the
cinema or just going
for a walk, for
example. This will
hopefully help her to
feel relaxed and more



There is help for youngsters who are suffering cyberbullying

likely to talk about her feelings. "Once you think she feels comfortable, try to talk to her in a natural way about her friends and about her online life.

"Try proactively asking, in a non-confrontational and non-judgemental way, about what she enjoys about the internet and social media, and if there's anything in particular she's concerned about, as this could spark a conversation on any issues she's having.

"Legally, most social networks require children to be 13 years old before they can sign up, so if she's already online, it's normal and reasonable for you to ask to work with her through her privacy settings, and to effectively hand-hold to ensure she's safe. However, if she's active on social media and private or secretive about it, building trust and respect is key.

"Finally, make sure she's aware of support services like Ditch the Label, as here she can get advice and support from our trained mentors. It may also be a good idea to take a look through some of our resources together, such as our research, and ask her what she

"Our resources not only work for kids but can also be beneficial for parents, and by asking for her opinion on something social media or cyberbullying-related, she may be more likely to open up to you and tell you about her own experiences."

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GETAWAY

NIGEL HEATH finds out why so many Brits are passionate about the island's charms

E'S the hotel's longest-staying guest. He arrived one day and has been there for almost 60 years... still shows no signs of leaving.

He is Colombo, a giant tortoise who wanders around the lush grounds of a former 18th century manor house on the enchanting Atlantic island of Madeira.

Many other visitors, first arriving on cruise ships, have been so captivated that they've flown back here time and again from the UK.

Little wonder, when they can enjoy a temperate year-round climate, exotic flora and stunning coastal and mountainous scenery.

Colombo's home – and formerly that of England's Napoleonic Wars general William Beresford – is the small and exclusive Quinta Jardins Do Lago Hotel overlooking the capital, Funchal.

We arrived on a Monday in time for lunch by the pool and spent the rest of the day wandering around the exotic grounds which have more than 600 species of plants.

We'd only just set out to walk to the harbour the following morning when we met a crocodile of children on their way up to the hotel's vegetable garden to learn about herbs

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Continuing our descent through quaint and narrow streets, we reached Funchal's wide and bustling promenade where we basked in the holiday atmosphere along with crowds of visitors just landed from the three gleaming white cruise ships towering over the harbour.

Since the country joined the EU in 1980, Madeira has benefitted substantially from investment in roads and, more importantly, tunnels which have greatly improved accessibility for islanders and tourists alike.

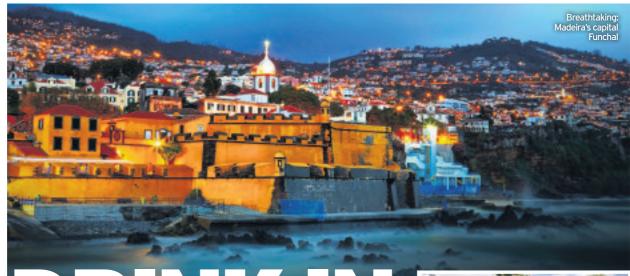
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We spent that afternoon on a Funchal 'must do' experience, a guided tour of Blandy's centuries-old lodge where the famous Madeira wine is produced.

Back in those far-off days when barrels of Madeira were exported to British India, it was discovered the wine improved on its voyage through the tropics so exposure to heat is now part of the maturing process.

Steeply sloping vine-covered terraces, together with thousands of banana plants, were much in evidence as we left Funchal on a small group bus tour the following morning.

Climbing ever higher through wooded areas of pine and eucalyptus, we eventually crossed to the far steeper northern side of the 13 mile-wide island at a height of some 3,000 feet before descending through shady forests of laurel to reach the



DRIKTING MADEIRA



NEED TO KNOW

■ NIGEL HEATH was a guest of Classic Collection Holidays, who have been tailor-making luxury hotel holidays for more than 30 years and will book flights, hotels and private transfers.

■ He was hosted at the Quinta Jardin Du Lago and the Cliff Bay hotels. Call 0800 047 1964 or see classic-collection. co.uk small coastal town of San Vincente. From here it was a short, dramatic

coastal drive via tunnels through towering coastal cliffs to reach Porto Monz, the most north westerly point of the 35 mile-long island.

Here we dined on fish while overlooking the ocean before continuing our tour, winding up and over Madeira, whose highest mountain, Pico Ruivo towers to more than 6,000 feet.

Instead of returning to the Quinta Jardins Du Lago we were dropped off at the five-star Cliff Bay Hotel, which enjoys a stunning position over the harbour.

A surprise treat was in store the following morning as we breakfasted in the terraced restaurant overlooking lovely gardens.

We'd left Colombo behind but now we were to make the acquaintance of a Harris Hawk called Thonder who my wife Jenny spotted sitting quietly on a railing with his keeper, Norberto.

He explained that he or a colleague visited the hotel with the hawk for a couple of hours every day to deter pigeons or seagulls from nesting or roosting there.

After breakfast we ascended by cable car to the famous botanical and Monte Palace Gardens, followed by a thrilling wicker toboggan ride back down.

The toboggans were introduced by a British merchant in the early 19th century as a means of moving freight down the steep hill to the old town, and then someone came up with the bright idea of putting a seat on them.

Later, we calmed our nerves in the

Later, we calmed our nerves in the tranquil Palheiro Gardens high above the city and lunched on homemade quiche in its little tea house.

No visit to Madeira would be complete without taking a walk along one of its famous Levada water channels, introduced in the 18th century as a means of irrigating the hundreds of man-made vegetable and fruit growing terraces clinging to the mountainous terrain.

There are dozens of

Above: Hotel Jardins Do

Lago and, left, The Cliff Bay

them at varying heights all around Madeira, of which 28 are officially designated walking routes, giving visitors a wonderful opportunity to explore the countryside.

A visit to Funchal's Friday market was rewarded by a mouthwatering display of locally caught fish and a vast array of exotic fruits all grown on Madeira.

There were 15 different varieties of passion fruit alone – just another reason why so many return visitors are passionate about Madeira.



Iconic Real Madrid and Portugal footballer Cristiano Ronaldo was born in Funchal in 1985 HSH-E01-S2 Star, Thursday, May 24, 2018

PAST TIMES

AS POP LEGEND KYLIE MINOGUE COUNTS DOWN TO HER 50TH BIRTHDAY **MARION McMULLEN** LOOKS AT OTHER CELEBRITIES MARKING THEIR HALF CENTURY

HE upbeat sound of I Should Be So Lucky proved a breakthrough single for Kylie Minogue and turned the Aussie soap star into a pop sensation.

The song was a 1987 hit for her, and since then the one-time Neighbours star has been a chart regular with tracks like Can't Get You Out Of My Head, Better The Devil You Know, On A Night Like This, The Loco-Motion and, from her latest album Golden, new song Dancing.

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It's hard to believe that the youthful-looking performer will be 50 on May 28, but she recently said she was viewing the landmark birthday as a way to spring clean her life and has no plans to slow down... she already has a tour planned for September.

"If anything's slowing the ship down and is just old news or old noise, get rid of it, so you can get through smoother and more efficiently to where you want to go," she points out.

"I mean, other things about getting older are not so much fun, like you've got to take care of your body a bit more, so ask me at the end of tour how it went, we'll see."

Kylie's fellow Neighbours star and former singing partner Jason Donovan also turns 50 a few days later on June 1. He is marking his half century with his Amazing Mid-Life Crisis Tour which sees him singing and sharing stories of Neighbours, Kylie, his musical roles and time on I'm A Celebrity and Strictly Come Dancing.

A few celebrities have already reached the big 5-0 this year. James Bond star Daniel Craig turned 50 on March 2 and is already planning to return as 007. According to Variety, he will pocket \$25 million for the new movie, which is still unnamed.

He is also expecting his first baby with his wife, actress Rachel Weisz, later this year. The couple, who each have a child from previous relationships, have been married for seven years.

Films such as Pretty In Pink and Breakfast Club made Molly Ringwald famous all over the world, but as she once pointed out: "You can't be 16 forever."

The mum-of-three reached her milestone birthday on February 18.

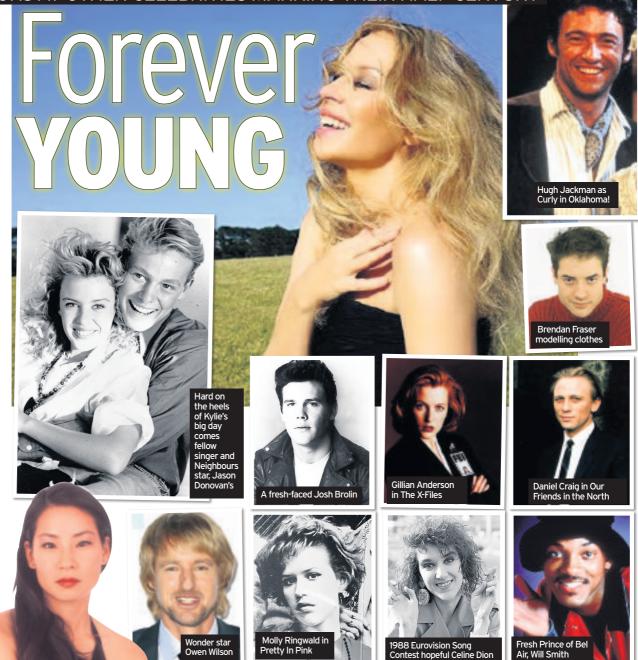
Meanwhile, Deadpool 2's Josh Brolin, who recently starred as galaxy-crushing Thanos in movie blockbuster Avengers: Infinity War, was 50 on February 12.

Hollywood star Ryan Reynolds marked the day by putting out an Instagram shot of his Deadpool character painting a portrait of Josh as he looked back in the days of The Goonies film in 1985.

Deadpool 2's theme song singer Celine Dion also turned 50 on March 30. She had to cancel some shows at her Las Vegas residency at Caesars Palace's Colosseum because of an ear condition, but publicly thanked fans for all

Lucy Liu - actress, director

producer, singer and artist



their birthday wishes and videos.

Meanwhile, those still counting
down to their 50th birthdays include
the X-Files and The Fall star Gillian
Anderson, who reaches her half
century on August 9.

She recently posed in nothing but a pair of animal ears to front an anti-fur campaign for animal charity PETA and later said "I found it liberating to use my body to

make an important statement".

Men In Black star Will Smith is 50 on September 25 and first came to public attention in American TV comedy The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air.

He and his actress wife Jada Pinket Smith also celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary earlier this year. He went on social media to praise his "queen" saying "I have learned that Love is Listening. Love is Giving. Love is Freedom."

X-Men and The Greatest Showman star Hugh Jackman will be 50 on October 12. He was appearing in Oklahoma! on the London stage before playing Wolverine and said last year he would like to return to the stage in the future to do a new musical.

It is hard to believe but Marley & Me and Wedding Crashers actor Owen Wilson, famous for his boyish looks, reaches the big 5-0 on November 18.

Kill Bill and Elementary actress Lucy Liu celebrates her big birthday on December 2. She once said: "I try to believe like I believed when I was five – when my heart told me everything I needed to know."

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Brendan Fraser became a heartthrob playing action hero Rick O'Connell in The Mummy movies.

Now a father of three, he turns 50 on December 3. He recently revealed how doing too many stunts has ruined his body. "By the time I did the third Mummy picture (in 2008), I was put together with tape and ice," he told GQ magazine.

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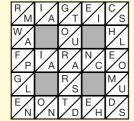
Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Hugh Grant films



Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword arid.



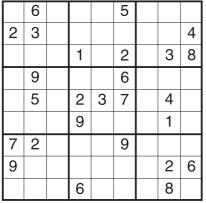
Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku, Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box

Easy

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Hard



Two Speed Crossword

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can't solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

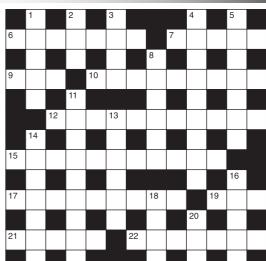
Cryptic

Across

- 6. See 16 Down 7. From Megan From Megan I take this name (5)
- See 20 Down.
- 10. Romantic marriage - between two tennis players? (4,5)
- 12. Accomplishing the task - that's what exporters are doing (8.3)
- 15. Apparently they can't lose a number of
- restrictions (11) 17. No silence could be interpreted as insulting behaviour
- 19. This carriage looks the same either way (3)
- 21. Don't say a word about mother's road accident (5)
- 22 & 1Dn. Are they used for holding lawsuits involving embassy staff? (7,5)

Down

- 1. See 22 Across Ring after short notice to produce
- a stir (3) Circle overhead (4) Tend, maybe, to fish inside 4
- caught in a net (9) The staff in the air to hold at
- gunpoint (5,2) Is seen among the others to put up some defence (6)
- 11. Lumbering creature upsets the orchestra (9) 13. Scoffed at being
- fenced in (6) 14. Appellation that
- may well be brought to book (3.4)16 & 6Ac. Chief
- assistant who's certainly not gauche (5-4,3)
- 18. Some of the ceramic utensils are smart (4)
- 20 & 9Ac. Fellows after transport for the opera (6)



Scribble pad

Quick

Across

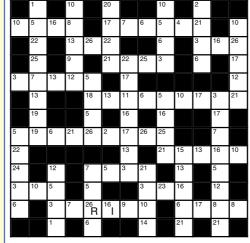
- 6. See 16 Down.
- 7. Girl's name (5)
- 9 Males (3)
- 10. Marriage (4-5)
- 12. Implementing (8,3)
- 15. Inevitabilities (11)
- 17. Impudence (9)
- 19. Pop concert (3)
- 21. Shatter (5)
- 22. Diplomat (7)

Down

- 1. Containers (5) 2. Fuss (3)
- 3. Ring of light (4)
- 4. Snarled (9)
- 5. Rob at gunpoint (5,2)
- 8. Withstand (6) 11. Working animal (4-5)
- 13. Complained (6)
- 14. Pseudonym (3-4)
- 16 & 6Ac. Most valuable assistant (5-4.3)
- 18. Appealing (4)
- 20. Vehicle (3)

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in 1 the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle



ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	²⁶ R

Wordsquare

Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted There is one 9-letter word to be found.

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How you rate:

15 words - average; 20 words - good; 25 words - very good;

Quiz

Which film stars Owen Wilson and Ed Helms as twins and Glenn Close as their mother? What surname was assumed by Russian dictator Jośeph Dzhugashvili? Which British field marshal gave his name to a sleeve that extends to the neck without shoulder seams? What does the abbreviation RAF stand for?

Which American national holiday is

observed on July 4? In what year did



Q1 - Glenn Close

Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay become the first mountained to reach the summit of Mount Everest? Of which landlocked Asian country is Kathmandu the capital? What name is given to the use of live animals for experiments? What is the highest mountain in North America?

Which spectacular cave on the Hebridean island of Staffa inspired an overture by Mendelssohn?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Call the Shots, Long Hot Summer, Out of Control, I'll Stand by You, The Loving Kind, Love Machine, See the Day, Sexy! No No No..., Sound of the Underground, Chemistry, Wake Me Up, Whole Lotta History, No Good Advice, Walk This Way, Something New Biology, Can't Speak French, Tangled Up, Life Got Cold.

Quiz

1. Jumpin' Jack Flash; 2. Algiers; 3. John O'Groats: 4. New Wave: 5. Myopia; 6. Amy Johnson; 7. Uncle Sam; 8. Wall Street; 9. Neon; 10. Fife.

Two-Speed Crossword

Across: 7 Radiolocation; 8 Distress; 9 Over; 10 Slopes; 12 Optics; 14 Oddson; 16 Second; 18 Cram; 20 Workaday 22 Stretch a point. Down: 1 Cavilled: 2 Big top; 3 Flee; 4 Scissors; 5 Utmost; 6 Mode: 11 Sandwich: 13 Contains: 15 Samuel; 17 Charon; 19 Rate; 21 Read

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Sudoku

8 5 3 6 4 7 2 1 9 2 7 8 1 9 6 4 3 5 9 7 1 2 8 6 5 4 3 5 3 4 6 8 2 7 9

Split Decision



Codeword

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IMMACULATE FAMILY HOME



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Found in the ever popular area of Upper Park, this immaculate home has plenty of room for the family.

house perfect for a growing family has come onto the market in Harlow. Found in the ever-popular area of Upper Park, the immaculate four/five bedroom extended home has plenty of room for everyone.

The ground floor accommodation includes:

- A huge lounge/diner
- A stunning open-plan kitchen/diner and breakfast room with a range of appliances
- A garage A cloakroom/WC
- On the first floor are:
- Three large bedrooms■ A family bathroom with a white three-piece

- A master bedroom with an en-suite shower room, balcony and fitted wardrobes
- On the top floor is:
- A further bedroom/loft room
- A playroom with restricted headroom Outside is:
- A landscaped garden with decked, astro turf and gravel areas
- A large koi pond
- A driveway for three cars to the front

Upper Park is located in close proximity to Princess Alexandra Hospital, within walking distance to Harlow Town, local schools and forest

The property is on the market for £475,000 through Reyland Johnson Estate Agents in Acorn Mews, Harlow. To arrange a viewing call 01279 949094 or visit http://www.rjestateagents.co.uk/ HSH-EO1-S2 Star, Thursday, May 24, 2018







MANSION HOUSE FOR REASONABLE PRICE

Have you ever dreamed of living in a stunning country pile but were worried that you may end up rattling around the place?

he chance has come up to buy a five-bedroom house which is part of the impressive Hassobury Mansion in Farnham near Bishop's Stortford. The Hobart is one of five properties in the stately home so while benefiting from spacious accommodation you will still be able to chat to your neighbours once in a while.

The mansion is quietly located at the end of a long private driveway in the middle of gently rolling and remarkably unspoilt countryside. The building is Grade II listed and considered to be of both architectural and bit and historical merit.

The original stone house was built by the Gosling family in the Victorian era. It was formerly a private school which was converted about twenty five years ago into five exceptional homes – including The

Hobart which is now for sale.

The Hobart has been carefully looked after by the present owners and some modernisation and improvement has been undertaken with great care and sympathy for the original building. Downstairs is a T-shaped hall with an

elegant cantilevered staircase leading to the first and second floors. The hall also leads to the main reception rooms, which have a ceiling height of more than 16ft and working

Elsewhere the accommodation includes a ground floor cloakroom with attractive tiling, a drawing room with a working fireplace and three quarter height windows and a dining room with a marble fireplace.

The kitchen is well-equipped with many integrated appliances. The lower ground floor is used as a utility room and store and has an attractive barrel shaped ceiling.

On the first floor the master bedroom has an en-suite bathroom. There are also four further bedrooms and two well-equipped shower rooms.

Outside, the property is approached from the main driveway which leads to a gated area where there is a central lawn and allocated parking for two cars. A drive leads around the parkland to a double garage with a parking area in front of it.

There is a private terrace immediately to the back of the house. It is approximately 20ft does in well planted and particular and provides an

deep, is well-planted and provides an excellent entertaining area. Steps lead down from it to the original croquet lawn.

The Hobart owns the section of lawn behind the house which leads down to a ha-ha garden. (A ha-ha garden is a slope which leads to a vertical wall but is not immediately visible when looking out towards the horizon.)

The Hobart is on the market for £1,345,000 through Mullucks Wells in Bishop's Stortford. There is a maintenance charge for the communal areas which is currently £235 per

For more details or to arrange a viewing call 01279 949070 or visit www.mullucks.co.uk/





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With so many people now renting, it is vital you know your rights

north London
housing association
has been shamed
into sorting out a flat
that's dripping with
damp and riddled
with mould - 20
years after the
tenant first complained.

It's an extreme case. But with more people than ever renting, both sides need to know their responsibilities. Ignoring repairs leaves tenants shelling out cash for sub-standard properties. And landlords facing higher bills the longer the problem is left – or, possibly, legal enforcement orders.

The rules can be complex. And much depends on the exact wording of the agreement. Before moving in, renters should read their tenancy agreement. This should specify who is responsible for what. Generally, major items such as roofs, walls, doors, windows, kitchens and bathrooms are down to the property owner. Landlords can charge tenants if renters or their friends cause damage.

Owners should have insurance against fire, flood and other disasters.

In furnished accommodation tenants are often responsible for the contents - furniture, crockery, kitchen equipment and appliances - as well as their own possessions. Who does what should be clear from the tenancy agreement - which should also list items belonging to the property.

The first rule is that tenants must report damage or disrepair as soon as possible. If they leave it, unscrupulous owners will try telling renters that they have either caused the problem or made it worse by "neglect".

Tenants should report problems to

Tenants should report problems to landlords in writing – don't rely on phone or face to face – keeping a record including photos. If the landlord fails to repair something, especially if it is health or safety related, complain to the local council.

As a tenant, you don't have to redecorate before you leave unless

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you have damaged the walls or you are legally obliged. If you really want to redecorate, ask the landlord first.

Utilities – electricity, gas, water, broadband/phone lines – are a grey area. While tenants are normally expected to pay for these, either side may have to fork out to keep some or all in good repair.

But landlords cannot opt out of gas, electricity, furniture and fire safety. Landlords must employ a Gas Safe registered person to check appliances including boilers once a year.

There are special rules for HMOs – Houses in Multiple Occupation, where a property is let out to three or more unrelated people who share a kitchen, bathroom or both. These focus on fire precautions and

overcrowding.
Landlords should keep properties in good repair – partly to maintain good relations with tenants, and to avoid difficulties with insurance policies, but also to help the house or flat keep its value.





- Negotiate an agreement over minor repairs such as replacing light bulbs that benefits both sides.
- Tenants should ask landlords before replacing items with their own.
- Tenants should install smoke and gas detectors if landlords have ignored their duty here. These can be free to low earners.
- Condensation could be the building or simply not opening windows after cooking, bathing or drying clothes.
- There's no set time for repairs but items such as cookers and central heating/hot water must be prioritised.
- Tenants who return property in poor repair should not be surprised if landlords withhold all or part of the deposit.



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YOUR HOME









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My little

oeonies..

They are the richest of flowers and with

more varieties than you might think

With Diarmuid Gavin

eonies are the epitome of blousy English gardening. Their luxury floral rosettes not only enhance any selfrespecting British border, but also inspire artists and fashion designers who adore their sumptuous range of colour and layers of texture. Both their foliage and flowers exude beauty.
I've planted a few in my garden

recently, taking care to ensure the soil has been enhanced through the addition of dollops of well-rotted manure.

I added a spadeful or two into the planting hole, which will feed these hungry specimens and ensure that moisture is retained around the roots.

If you plant them into rich fertile soil they will need minimal, if any, feeding thereafter.

On poorer soils you will need to feed with a slow-release fertiliser every spring. For optimum flowering plant in full sunshine.

The most important thing to remember when planting herbaceous

peonies is that they don't like going in too deep - the tubers should be no more than an inch below soil.

Bear this in mind also when you are mulching your borders don't bury the crowns in a thick mulch, just mulch around but not on top of the crown. Burying them is the most

reason for a lack of flowers

They like moist but well-drained soil so if your soil is a very heavy clay it would benefit from having additional humus material added, such as garden compost or some grit, to improve the drainage.

The most commonly planted peonies are the herbaceous varieties. with beautiful bowl-shaped silky flowers, which die down over winter and then you see their fat red buds poking through the soil in spring.

Best known examples here are

Paeonia Bartzella is a wonderful addition to any colourful border Duchesse de Nemours with its delicious lemony white fragrant flowers, and Sarah Bernhardt, another old-fashioned favourite, which has beautiful rose pink, fragrant double

> However, there is another type called tree peonies - these are

Leading lady: The Sarah Bernhardt, named after the French stage actress, has a fragrant double flowe

deciduous shrubs which form a permanent woody stem and usually have large, often spectacular, flowers.

These like some shelter from winter and spring frost as their early blooms can be damaged.

Itohs are a cross

and tree peonies

between herbaceous

staking as they have a woody stem to support them, but they don't grow to

get suckers from the root stock combining the best characteristics of Be sure not to Check when you're buying them if But did you know that there is a plant them too they are grafted on to herbaceous third type of peony? It is called Itoh These amazing hybrids don't need deep or they rootstock. If this is the case, you will and it's a cross breed between will not flower plant them quite deeply so you won't herbaceous and tree peonies There's plenty to keep your green fingers busy ■ Tall perennials are shooting JOBS FOR THE WEEK



alone so you will have different flowering times and heights.

up so put in stakes or supports to help show off their blooms and prevent them bending over or snapping. Or you can do the Chelsea chop which involves cutting back perennials in their stride to make them bushier and less likely to flop over. This reduces the need for staking and can produce more flowers.

Plants that will benefit from this include heleniums, sedums, rudbeckia, phlox and solidago.

You can also choose to chop some plants, and leave some

■ Plants grown in containers will

need TLC. Remove old compost and replace with fresh and keep fed fortnightly and well watered.

Aphids and greenflies are busy reproducing... check plants, especially roses, for infestations and remove what you see by hand. You can also use organic

pest sprays which are natural fatty acid mixtures that destroy the insects, or make up a very dilute soapy mixture.

Fragrant: Duchesse de Nemours

Add baking powder to water and spray on roses to prevent mildew and black spot.

■ In the veg garden, asparagus and rhubarb growers will be harvesting the fruits of their labour - cut asparagus spears

before they get too tall. Harden off outdoor tomatoes and courgettes for planting out in

■ Sow lettuce, radish, spring onions and carrots fortnightly.

■ Check lilies for scarlet lily beetles and remove by hand otherwise you may be left with radded foliade.

■ Are your dahlia tubers ready for planting out? You will be frost free now, or shortly.

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tree peony size – they remain relatively compact like herbaceous peonies.

They have the show-stopping flowers of tree peonies and flower for longer, sometimes blooming twice.

Like tree peonies they have a wide range of colours, including yellow, pink and apricot. Their foliage is handsome as well, turning red in autumn.

The Itoh varieties are more expensive to

buy, but when you take into account their strong points they are well worth the extra investment.

Choice cultivars to look out for are Cora Louise, with flowers that are white with a dramatic magenta flare at the base of the petal. Bartzella produces beautiful golden yellow, lemon-scented blooms.

Finally Hilary, which offers your garden a dash of pink loveliness.

ASK DIARMUID

My lawn has suddenly been affected by wild garlic/onion that stinks to high heaven. How can I get

Dave Groves via email

A This is a difficult one to tackle and unfortunately there is no quick fix.

There are two methods chemical and manual.

Chemical involves using a lawn weed killer that will target the garlic and not the grass.

Mow the lawn first to break up the garlic and allow penetration of the weed killer. No quick fix: It isn't easy to rid your lawn of wild onion

The manual and organic method is to dig them all up you are trying to remove the bulb and bulbils (very small bulbs attached to the bulb).

Neither method will completely solve your problem and you will need to repeat in the autumn and next year until you eradicate it entirely.

PLANT OF THE WEEK

SILENE DIOICA

Silene is a pretty spring flowering native that can be found in shady hedgerows and woodlands.

Although known as red campion, its flowers are a vivid pink making it a great plant for bringing colour to shady areas.

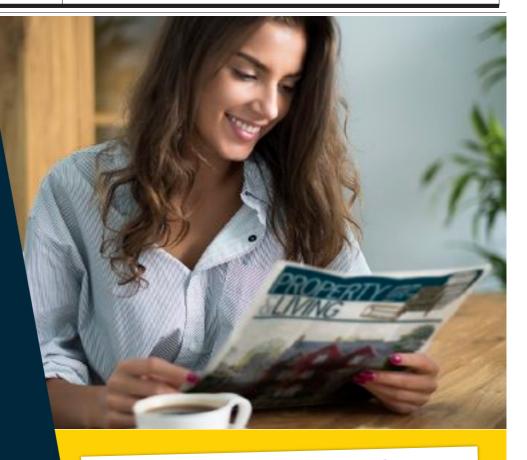
While it's happy in most types of soil, it doesn't like very acidic conditions and prefers to be damp. It's easy to grow and requires little maintenance.



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- Four Bedroom
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- Mid Terrace Property
 Chain Free · Needs Modernisation · EPC Rating: D



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- Updated Heating System • EPC Rating: C



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- · Allocated Parking · EPC Rating: C
- Available Now Chain Free



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Extended

Three Bedrooms

- **GREAT AUGER STREET, NEWHALL**
- Prime Location • Allocated Parking • EPC Rating: D

EAST PARK, OLD HARLOW

EPC Rating: C



£285,000 LITTLE PYNCHONS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
 Kitchen/Diner South Facing Garden • EPC Rating: TBC



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Three Bedrooms

High Spec Kitcher

• En Suite To Master

PERRY LANE, NEWHALL

Downstairs WC

• EPC Rating: B

Off Street Parking For Two

Close To High StreetChain Free Detached Garage
 EPC Rating: F



CHIPPINGFIELD, OLD HARLOW

Three Bedrooms

Needs Modernisation

Two Receptions
Semi Detached

Four Bedrooms

· Lounge/Diner

£449.995

- No Onward Chain
- · EPC Rating: D

OLD HARLOW

Semi Detached

No Onward Chain

EPC Rating: TBC

Two Bathrooms



HULL GROVE, HARLOW Three Bedroom
 Ground Floor Wc

£310.000

· Backing On To Fields · EPC Rating: TBC



- **BLACKS COTTAGES, ALLENS GREEN** Two Bedrooms Open Plan Layout
- Village Green Views Mid Terrace • Character Features • EPC Rating: D

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CROWN CLOSE, SHEERING

• Three Redrooms

• Two Recentions

Three Bedrooms

Planning For Annex
 Lots Of Potential

Two Receptions

Detached Bungalow



OIEO £390,000

- FLINT LANE, NEWHALL
- Three Bedrooms
- Sun Terrace
 Parking Under Floor Heating
 EPC Rating: TBC



THE BARNS, OLD HARLOW • Three Bedrooms • Semi Detached

- Gardens & Parking
 Courtyard Setting
 Two Bathrooms
 EPC Rating: E



MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

High Specification

Driveway Parking

EPC Rating: TBC

Semi Detached

Three Bedrooms

· Fully Refurbished

- Driveway
- £410,000 WHIELDON GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY

 • Linked Detached

 • Garage & Parking

 • Four Bedrooms

 • Two Bar
- Three Bedrooms Two Receptions
- En-Suite
 EPC Rating: TBC



EASTWICK, HARLOW

- Village Location
- Elegantly Restored Five Bedrooms Three Reception Rooms
 Just A Mile To The Station
 Double Garage



- GREAT AUGER STREET, NEWHALL MULBERRY GREEN, OLD HARLOW
- Four Bedrooms
 - · Four Bathrooms • EPC Rating: B



- Gardens & Studio
- Four Bedrooms
 Three Receptions
 Study / Playroom
 Study / Playroom
 EPC Rating: E





£725 000

- Four Bedrooms
- · Three Receptions
- Bespoke Build



GREAT AUGER STREET, NEWHALL LATTON COMMON, HARLOW

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- Two Receptions Popular Locátion EPC Ratina: TBC Chain Free

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- One Bedroom
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 Open Plan
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 Ground Floor
- Allocated Parking
 EPC Rating: TBC

£195,000



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- Two Receptions
 En-Suite Shower
- Garage & Drive
 Utility & W.C
 Riptide Swim Spa
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£549,995



HOME CLOSE, HARLOW

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
 Two/Three Receptions
- Chain Free Detached Home
 Exclusive Location
- Mature Southerly GardensEPC Rating: TBC

£500,000



UPPER PARK, HARLOW

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
 Extended
 Garage & Driveway
 Semi Detached
- Immaculate Home
 Desirable Location
 EPC Rating: TBC

£475,000



WHALEBONE COTTAGES, **HASTINGWOOD**

- Four Bedrooms
- Four Bedrooms
 Kitchen/Breakfast Room
 Two Receptions
 Immaculate Home
 End Terrace Cottage

- Driveway
 Extended Property
 EPC Rating: D

£484,995



BURLEY HILL, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four/Five Bedrooms

- Four/Five Bedrooms
 Two Receptions
 Conservatory
 Garage & Driveway
 Detached House
 Two En-Suites
 Cul-De-Sac Location
 EPC Rating: D



TICKENHALL DRIVE. **CHURCH LANGLEY**

- Four Bedrooms
 Kitchen/Diner
 Popular Location
 Garage & Driveway
 Detached Home
 En-Suite Shower
 Westerly Garden
 EPC Rating: D
- £450,000



DENBY GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
 Two Receptions
 Immaculate Home
 Garage & Drive
 Detached Home
 En-Suite Shower
 Cul-Se-Sac Location
 EPC Rating: TBC

£415,000



DENBY GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Badrooms
 Two Receptions
 En-Suite Shower Room
 Chain Free
 Detached House
 Garage & Driveway
 Popular Location
 EPC Rating: D

£374,995



LATTON GREEN, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
 Garage & Driveway
 Well Presented
 Ground Floor WC
 Semi Detached Home
 Two Receptions
 Southerly Garden
 EPC Rating: TBC
- £359.995



LATTON GREEN, HARLOW

- Inree BearoomsDrivewayTwo ReceptionsChain FreeSemi Detached
- Popular Location
 Potential To Extend (STPP)
 EPC Rating: TBC

£339.995



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- Three Double Bedrooms
 Driveway For Two Cars
 Well Presented
 Kitchen/Diner
 Middle Terrage
 Description

- Popular LocationUtility RoomEPC Rating: TBC

£305,000



CLIFTON HATCH, HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
 Allocated Parking
 Lounge/Diner
 NHBC Warranty Remaining
 Middle Terrace
 Modern Throughout
 Papuling Location

£300,000



DOULTON CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms

- Nov Bedions
 Lounge/Diner
 40ff Garden (Approx)
 Garage En-Bloc
 End Terrace
 Popular Location
 White Bathroom-Suite
 EPC Rating: D





SYCAMORE FIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
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 Cloakroom/WC
 Outskirts Of Town
 Terraced House
 Westerly Garden
 Popular Location
 EPC Rating: C

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 Lounge/Diner
 Allocated Parking
 Ferraced House
 Westerly Garden
 Popular Location
 EPC Rating: C

£279,995



SILVESTERS, HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
 Lounge/Diner
 Backs Onto Allotments
 Garage En Bloc
 Terraced House
 Low Maintenance Garden
 Outskirts Of Town
 EPC Rating: C

£270,000



HOLLYFIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/DinerModern Bathroom
- Large Garden
 End Of Terrace
 Ground Floor W.C
- CHAIN FREE EPC Rating: TBC

£269,995



DAVENPORT, CHURCH

- Two Bedroom
- Kitchen/DinerModern Bathroom
- Modern Bathroom
 Own Parking
 Terraced Home
 Landscaped Garden
 CHAIN FREE
 EPC Rating: C

£269,995



PETERSWOOD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/DinerDownstairs WC
- Chain Free
- Chair rice
 Middle Terrace
 Garage & Driveway
 Backs Onto Woodland
 EPC Rating: C

£259,995



MILWARDS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms

- Kitchen/Diner
 Cloakroom/WC
 Chain Free
 Terraced House
- Ideal Investment
 Potential To Improve
 EPC Rating: C

£254,995



PRIMROSE FIELD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Loft RoomKitchen/Diner
- Popular Location
 Middle Terrace House
- Porch Extension
 Well Presented
 EPC Rating: TBC

£250,000



SPENCERS CROFT, HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
 Well Presented
 Quiet Cul-De-Sac
 Middle Terrace
- Open Plan
 Popular Location
 EPC Rating: TBC

£249,995



PRIORY COURT, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
 Lounge/Diner
 Balcony
 Garage En-Bloc
 Private Apartment
 First Floor
 Modern Kitchen
 EPC Rating: C

£229,995



MILESTONE ROAD. NEWHALL

- Two Bedrooms
 Allocated Parking
 Open Plan Living
 Chain Free
 Ground Floor Apartment
 Popular Location
 Intercom Entry System
 EPC Rating: C



COALPORT CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
 Allocated Parking
 Lounge/Diner
 First Floor
 Apartment
 Popular Location
 Communal Garden
 EPC Rating: TBC

£215,000



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 Allocated Parking
 Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
 First Floor
 Apartment
 Popular Location
 Large Loft
 EPC Rating: TBC

£214.995



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 Allocated Parking
 Open Plan
 Chain Free
 First Floor Apartment
 Well Presented
 Popular Location
 EPC Rating: TBC



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- Large Garden Plot EPC Ratina: D



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- Garage & Driveway
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- Rarely Available EPC Ratina: D



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- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory Garage & Driveway
- £429,995 Detached House
- Westerly Garden Chain Free
- EPC Ratina: E



Priory Court, Harlow

- Four Bedrooms
- Recently Redecorated
- Driveway
- Overlooking Latton Common

£330,000

- Town House
- Ensuite To Master Private Close
- EPC Rating: TBC



The Chantry, Harlow

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Immaculate Throughout
- Landscaped Garden

SOLD STC

- Two Receptions

£309,995

- Middle Terrace
- Desirable Location
- Cloakroom/WC • EPC Rating: TBC



Glebelands, Harlow

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/DinerUtility Room
- Conservatory
- Terraced House DrivewaySoutherly Garden
 - EPC Rating: C



The Fortunes, Harlow

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Popular Location Well Presented
- End Of Terrace
- Close To Amenities 40ft Rear Garden Approx
- EPC Rating: E
- £249,995
 - Chelsea Gardens, Church Langley
 - Two Bedrooms Allocated Parking

 - BalconyWell Presented
- Ground Floor Apartment

£219,995

- Lounge/Diner
- Popular LocationEPC Rating: TBC



Sycamore Field, Harlow

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Secure Door Entry
- Apartment
- Second Floor (Top)
- Modern Kitchen
- Popular LocationEPC Rating: D

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Torkildsen Way, Harlow

- Four Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Unfurnished
- Garage & Drive



- Terraced Home
- Close To Station
- Available NOW • EPC Rating: B



Willowfield, Harlow

- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory Lounge/Dinér
- Available Now

- £1,295 P.C.M
- End Terrace Bungalow Unfurnished
- White Goods Available
- EPC Rating: C



£1,200 P.C.M

- Ram Gorse, Harlow Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Close To Town Unfurnished

TO LET

- Middle Terrace
- Sorry No DSS Available Early May
- EPC Rating: D



Abbotsweld, Harlow

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Unfurnished • Large Storeroom
- £1,150 P.C.M
- Terraced Home
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Available NOW
- EPC Rating: D



Dadswood, Harlow

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner

TO LET

- Recently Redecorated
- Available Early June

£925 P.C.M

£725 P.C.M

- Apartment
- Top FloorUnfurnished
- EPC Rating: C



Bentley Drive, Church Langley

- Ground Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms Lounge/Diner
- Unfurnished Recently Re-Decorated
- Available Beg May 2018Allocated Parking

£895 P.C.M

EPC Rating: C



Church End, Harlow

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Ground Floor Unfurnished

- Apartment
- Available in February
- Own Garden EPC Rating: D
- £775 P.C.M
- Overlooking Green

Shawbridge, Harlow

- One Bedroom
- Available End Of June
- Maisonette
- - First Floor Unfurnished
 - Redecorated
 - EPC Rating: TBC



Markwell Wood, Harlow

- One Bedroom
- Popular Location
- Available End Of June
- Allocated Parking
- Ground Floor Apartment Unfurnished
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£295.000



CHAIN FREE Two Double Bee

£295.000

Recently Fitted Kitchen

£349.995



Garage & Driveway For One Vehicle

O.I.E.O



CHAIN FREE

£375,000

CHAIN FREE
 Three Double Bedrooms
 En-suite to Master Bedroom
 Driveway For Two Vehicles
 EPC Rating: C

Large South Facing Garden
Potential To Extend To The Rear & Side

£409,995



£475,000

Driveway For Multiple Vehicles
 Secluded Rear Garden



£540,000

Situated in the Kingswood Park Estate
 Three DOUBLE Bedrooms
 Two En-Suites & A Family Bathroom
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Bentley Drive

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Fitted Kitchen
- Telephone Entry System

£220,000



- Communal Garden
- Allocated Parking

• E.P.C Rating: C



Chamberlain Close

O.I.E.O £315,000

- Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- CHAIN FREE
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Loft Conversion
- Conservatory to Rear
- EPC Rating: C





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A One DOUBLE Bedroom Flat

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O.I.E.O £280,000



Four DOUBLE Bedrooms
 Private Driveway
 Ground Floor Shower Re
 Kitchen/ Diner
 EPC Rating: D

Rundells

O.I.E.O £280,000



Hollyfield



£500,000



- A Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace Family Home
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Secluded South Facing Rear Garden With Rear
- Ideal Fir First Time Buyer, Investors Or Home Movers
- £275,000 EPC Rating: Awaiting





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- FIVE BED DETACHED
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 TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- TWO EN-SUITES

- GAS HEATING
 UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOW
 PARKING FOR 4 CARS
 INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



GREEN HILLS, HARLOW

- THREE BED END TERRACE
 SOUTH FACING GARDEN
 CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE
 CLOAKROOM

- GAS HEATINGUPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWSNO ONWARD CHAIN
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



COALPORT CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- THREE BED DETACHED GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
- EN-SUITE
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GAS HEATING
 UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
 POPULAR LOCATION
 INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



HOLLYFIELD, HARLOW

- THREE BED TERRACEMODERN FITTED KITCHENLARGE LOUNGE
- IDEAL INVESTMENT

- £275,950
- GAS HEATING
 UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
 NO ONWARD CHAIN
 INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



PARSONAGE LEYS, HARLOW

- THREE BED END TERRACE
 DOUBLE ROOMS
 UTILITY ROOM
 CLOSE TO AMENITIES

- GAS HEATING
 UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
 BLOCK PAVED FRONT
 INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



ELM COURT, HARLOW

- TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
 SECOND FLOOR
- SECURE INTERCOM ENTRY
- **EN-SUITE**

- GAS HEATING
 D/GLAZED WINDOWS
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£289 950

OLD HARLOW(Newhall)

High quality, modern 2 double bedroom split level maisonette with ringin quarry, inducer in 2 double beginning the management with floor, fitted kitcher , downstairs w.c., stunning bathroom, two double bedrooms with an en suite shower and balcony to the master and off road parking.



£315 000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Bell Street)

Modern 2 bedroom cottage in a town centre location. Stone's throw modern's Deutroin's Charles in a win Centre rocation's Sunter Sunton from all local facilities including schools and train station. Deen plan living space, 2 bedrooms, family bathroom, downstairs w.c., gas fired central heating, front garden, allocated parking. No onward chain.



£350 000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (West Road)

mi-detached home with a driveway and parking for 4 cars, approximate 80ft rear garden backing on to open fields and scope for extension (stp). Walking distance of village centre and station. Sole agents.



£449 950

HARLOW (Potter Street)

Charming extended Victorian cottage with character Charming extenses victorian cottage was characteristic features. Offering spacious accommodation, large side garden, driveway and parking for 2 cars, study/ground floor bedroom. Sole agents.



£475.000

SAWBRIDGEWORH (Willow Mead)

Well presented 3-4 bedroom townhouse with a nice rear garden garage and 2 bath/shower rooms. Fantastically positioned within the village centre. Short walk to station, shops and sporting clubs etc. Fully double glazed, light, bright accommodation



£475.000

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£499.950

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Cambridge Road)

4 bedroom, 3 storey home, ideally positioned for Leventhorpe school and station. Beautifully presented with a large sitting room, impressive kitchen/ dining room with bi-folding doors, family bathroom plus en-suite shower n and parking for 2 cars. Close to village centre



£625.000

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£695.000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Great Hyde Hall)

Set within 42 acres of communal grounds a 4 bedroom home with a double garage, 2 bath/shower rooms, 3 reception rooms. south facing patio and superb views, 10 mins walk to station. Unique setting. Owners found and ready to move. Sole agents.



HATFIFI D HEATH

4-5 bedroom spacious home offering versatile accommodation with a 1 bedroom annexe. Magnificent master bedroom with en-suite shower room, approximate 170ft south facing rea garden, driveway for 6 cars and stunning views. Sole agents



£750.000

OLD HARLOW (Staffords)

4 bedroom detached family home situated in a tree lined avenue, walking distance of Churchgate Street. Large sitting room, modern kitchen, dining room, bright conservatory, study, w.c., 2 bath/shower rooms, large front and west facing rear garden, detached double garage, driveway



PRICE GUIDE £850.000

BEACHAMP RODING

Unique 5 bedroom barn conversion with a contemporary interior. Detached double garage, cartlodge, south facing garden, good size bedrooms, 3-4 bathrooms, 4 large reception rooms. Lots of charm and character. Sole agents



PRICE GUIDE £900.000

MATCHING GREEN

good size sitting room, magnificent kitchen/family/dining space, garden room, luxury bathroom, contemporary fittings, luxury bathroom. Close to school and 5 mins walk to The Chequers. 10 mins to mainline train station. Sole agents.



£1,180,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Mill Lane)

Imposing 5 bedroom, 3 storey former Mill House.
Beautifully presented with a good size garden, spacious accommodation, period features, double garage, riverside location. Sole agents.



£595pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Lawrence Moorings)

Ground floor studio apartment situated in the highly sought after Lawrence Moorings. Just a short walk from mainline train station. Good size living area and views over the marina, bathroom and kitchen. Communal gardens. Allocated parking. Available early June.



CHURCH LANGLEY (Aynsley Gardens)

Unfurnished one bedroom first floor apartment in a convenient location. Entrance hall with useful storage, good size living room opening to kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. Outside there is one allocated parking space



£795pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Lawrence Moorings)

Anewly redecorated and re-carpeted one bedroom, larger than average, unfurnished ground floor apartment, only a short walk from the station. Large sitting/dining room, fitted kitchen, white bathroom suite, large



£875pcn

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (The Meadows)

2 bedroom first floor apartment situated in a convenient position just a 5 minute walk from BR station. Bright lounge, 2 bedrooms both with fitted wardrobes, bathroom and fitted kitchenUPVC double glazed rith fitted wardrobes, bathroom and fitted kitchenUPVC double glazed rindows throughout and ample off road parking. Available June.



£1080pcm

NEWPORT (Station Road)

2 bedroom character cottage just meters from station. 2 reception rooms and galley kitchen, bathroom and double bedroom to the first floor and a further double bedroom to



£1195ncm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Rosina Court)

A well-presented 2 bedroom 2 bathroom ground floo A weit-presented 2 bedroom 2 ballitom ground floor apartment with its own private decked garden. There is allocated parking and the property is a stone's throw from the train station. Unfurnished and available with 2 weeks notice.



£1250ncm

HATFIELD HEATH (Stortford Road)

3 bedroom semi-detached, unfurnished, family home close to a decidities and amenities. Entrance hall, downstairs wc, large sitting room, kitchen with breakfast area, 3 bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor. Garden and allocated parking for 2 cars. Unfurnished.



£1395ncm

TAKELEY (The Street)

Modern, unfurnished cottage situated in the sought after village of Takeley a reception rooms, w.c., 3 bedrooms with en suite to master, family bathroom and rear garden. Single garage and ample casual parking. Shor drive to the M11 and Stansted Airport. Available end of June.



£1495ncm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Bickerton Court)

1200sqft duplex apartment in a newly constructed development only a short walk to the station. Comprising huge lounge/dining room with balcony, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Parking, gas fired central heating.



£1595ncm

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Nightingales)

Detached 4 bed town house within walking distance of station and town center. Large kitchen/dining room, downstairs w.c., living room, master with walk-in dressing room and en-suite, family bathroom. Parking and garage. Available end of June

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GLADWIN WAY

- Second Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Close to Harlow Train Station
- Gas Central Heating



£235,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
 Second Floor
 Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
 Allocated Parking & Guest Space
 Close to Local Supermarket

- Chain Free
 Well Presented Throughout



Offers in excess of £249,995

- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- Double Glazed
- Juliette Balconv
- Loft Space



- Two Bactroom Mid Terrace Home
 Popular Location
 Ideal First Tilme or Investment Buy
 South Facing Garden
 Lounge Diner
 Chain Free
 Close to Train Station, Hospital & Town Centre



OIRO £220,000

- Three Bedrooms
 Top Floor Apartment
 Village Centre Location
 No Onward Chain
 Short Walk to Shops & Schools
 Large Kitchen & Living Room
 Modern Kitchen



- OIEO £140,000
- CHAIN FREE
 First Floor Flat

- Double Glazed
 Lounge 13'6 x 9'7
 Kitchen 7'9 x 5'10
 Bathroom
- Bathroom Current Vendor to Refurbish Property



OIEO £459.950

- Sam Publication
 Large Lounge 22'6 x 12'8
 Kitchen & Utility
 Bathroom & Downstairs Shower Room
 Rear Garden approx 45' in length
 Popular Location



WOODWARDS

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Well Presented Throughout
- · Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge Diner
- Bathroom & Separate WC
- Close to Town Centre
- Close to Schools & Amenities



£275,000

- Outble Glazing
 Oood Size Rear Garden
 Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
 Walking Distance to Local School
 NO ONWARD CHAIN



- South Facing Garder
 Set on Private Road



TORKILSDEN WAY

• Three Bedroom Home

Close to

Station

• Downstairs Cloakroom • En-Suite to Master Bedroom

Kitchen Diner

- Offers over £370,000
- Converted Garage Allocated Parking

Lounge





- Communal Parking
- Large Lounge
 Double Bedroom
 Fitted Kitchen
 Well Presented Throughout





- One Bedroom
 Top Floor Flat



CHIPPINGFIELD

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Recently Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom • Lounge Area
- Downstairs Cloakroom



- Utility Area
- Old Harlow Location
- Close to All Amenities
- Viewings Recommended

£349,950









£274,995

£349.995



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PRIORY COURT

- Three Bedroom Town House
- Own Drive
- Close to Schools & Amenities
- Good Size Garden



£380,000

- Three Bedroom Semi detached House
 Large Lounge Diner
 Garage & Drive
 Potential to Extend (subject to planning)
 Cond (Exp. Carden)
- ood Size Garder
- Double GlazedClose to all Local Amenities



£275,000

OIEO £275.000

Downstairs Cloakroom

• Lounge & Dining Area

Fitted Kitchen

- Modern Fitted Kitchen
 Double Bedrooms
 Off Street Parking for One Car
 Fitted Bathroom
 Lounge 15'5 x 11'2



£450,000

- Four Bedroom Family Home Downstairs Cloakroom Double Glazing Ensuite to Master Bedroom Garage & Drive Close to All Amenities

- Lounge



£450,000

- Three Bedroom Family Home
 Lounge & Dining Room
 Conservatory
 Unique Property
 Single Garage & Driveway
 Two Rear Gardens
 Close to All Amenities



TYE GREEN

- Large Bright & Spaclous Lounge
 Driveway with Parking for Four Cars
 Fitted Carpets & Oak Flooring



- LoungeDouble Bedrooms

New Instruction

• Two Bedrooms

• Single Garage

Coach House

Chain Free

ALEXANDRA ROAD

- Family Bathroom
 Downstairs WC
 Close to Train Station





- Lounge 14'7 x 15'7
 Recently Fitted Kitchen
 Newly Fitted Bathroom
 Triple Glazed Throughout
 Close to All Amenities

Gas Central Heating

Open Planned Living

Popular Location

Double Glazed



OAKLANDS DRIVE

- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Conservatory

- £575,000
- Separate Dining & Large Lounge
- Large Garden
- Garage & Drive Kitchen & Utility area





- Two Bedroom Split Level Apartment
 Superb Location
- Jupero Location
 Contemporary Style Kitchen
 En-Suite to Bedroom One
 Courtyard Garden
 Grade II Listed
 Set on Beautiful Grounds



CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four/Five Bedroom Detached Home
- Garage Conversion
- Conservatory
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- OIRO £499.995 Driveway for Multiple Vehicles

Modern Fitted Kitchen

• Close to all Local Amenities



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- Four Bedroom
- Modern Property
- En-Suite To Master
- EPC Rating To Follow
- Must Be Viewed
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Stunning Property



- £1,300 PCM
- Old Harlow Location Stunning Property
- Off Road Parking For Two Cars
- Two Bathrooms
- EPC Rating C
- Double Bedrooms
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Available End June 2018



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£1,250 PCM







£1,150 PCM

£925 PCM





£1050 PCM

- Gated Property
 Vaulted Ceiling
 Gas Central Heating
 Allocated Parking
 Admin Fees Apply
 Available Now



- PC Rating C Admin Fees apply

- Unfurnished
 Gas Central Heating
 Close To Schools
 Available Now







£975 PCM



- Available Now
 EPC Rating E



- Staple Tye
 Ground Floor Flat
- EPC Rating C
 Cooker & D/Washer
- * Admin Fees Apply Available Now



- Studio Apartment
 Ground Floor
 Modern Property
 Laminate Flooring
 EPC Rating C
 Available July
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etro, nostalgia kitsch... call it what you want, it's coming back. The refreshing resurgence follows contemporary styling which saw minimalist accessories, clean lines and white interiors taking centre stage.

Then, as the recession hit. minimalism morphed into a more industrialist take on interiors, with resourceful homeowners and designers turning to the power of upcycling to put their own stamp on their property.

While we're still not 100% home and dry from the recession, Britain is well on the way to recovery with homeowners once again starting to splash the cash on home

décor with nostalgia fast becoming the hottest trend around

THE GOLDEN PINEAPPLE

The golden pineapple has become the emblem of this return to nostalgia and has been immortalised in homewares, with everything from candles and trinket holders to

Is your house even a home without a golden pineapple? lamps and ice buckets available in the fruity design.

Vintage pictures

and prints can

add a nostalgic

touch without

breaking the bank

You can even use them to adorn the walls thanks to Sanderson and its Pineapple Royale collection – a fabulous black wallpaper complete with unmissable, gold pineapple prints.

It is gorgeous and everyone who sees it snaps up a roll or two.

In fact, I've lost count of the number of our interior design clients who now have feature walls with golden pineapples emblazoned across them.

Our love affair with the tropical plant shows little sign of abating. As well as looking great, the golden pineapple alongside its increasingly popular counterpart, the pink

flamingo - add some real quirkiness to the home.

Plus, with pieces available at varying price points, it's one of the most accessible interior trends to come along in a long time

TURNBACKTIME

Why the golden pineapple is at the heart of a retro revolution



roll - stylelibrary.com/Sanderson Image courtesy of Sanderson Most usually contain an assortment of tumblers as well as a few cocktail accessories collected over the years RETRO STYLING

come in handy. But as the country's love affair with all things gin flourishes, so too has our desire to show off our designer spirits.

and kept, just in case they should ever

Step forward the bar trolley.
Once considered confined to the history books, bar trolleys are back, big style. Whether you want an authentic vintage piece or a new imitation model - there are plenty to

TOP TIPS FOR

The Golden Pineapple is

everywhere, including the walls

thanks to Sanderson: Pineapple

Royale wallpaper 216326 - £59 per

- 1. Introduce one or two pieces
- 2. Look to salvage yards and second-hand shops for vintage pieces.
- 3. The bolder the better.
- 4. Embrace the chintz.
- 5. Don't overthink it, retro is supposed to be fun.

atop with your favourite tipples. It's also the perfect excuse to get rid of any chipped glasses and treat yourself to a spanking new set.

At the heart of the retro revolution is our bid to re-cosy our homes from the days of minimalism Cushions, throws

and rugs are the perfect starting point for adding layers and textures and can revive tired living rooms without having to invest in any big-ticket items.

This refreshing resurgence will allow you to bridge the gap between the bareness of minimalism with the

kitschness of full-on nostalgia without having to break the bank or go too

over-the-top. For other quick fixes, try introducing an old painting or print complete with chunky ornate frame - both of which can be picked up pretty cheaply at second-hand or charity shops – a record player and some classic vinyl albums or add an old-fashioned coat rack and umbrella stand in the hallway.

In the kitchen, opt for mis-matched crockery in bright colours and bold patterns and antique bottles for decoration.

■ Lesley Taylor is the author of 10 interior design books and has appeared on a range of network TV shows, including This Morning, giving inspirational advice on home styling.

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£750 PCM





Bromley Close



Guardian Residential Lettings are delighted to present this two bedroon top floor flat with communal garden area in Hare Street Springs. The property comes unfurnished with Just an oven and is heated via electric storage heaters. Central Town Location. EPC - D. Available early June.

£850 PCM

Hare Street Springs



Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom house with conservatory. Comprising entrance hallway, downstairs bathroom, modern Benefits from gas central heating and garden. EPC - D. Available mid July.

£1150 PCM Canons Brook



Guardian are delighted to offer this two bedroom top floor fl in the ever popular location of Church Langley. This property benefits from gas heating, close to shops and amenities and includes kitchen white goods. EPC - C. Available mid June.

£870 PCM



Well maintained three bedroom terraced home in the sought after road o Barn Mead, popular with families. Comprising entrance hallway, downstain room and three bedrooms. Rear garden. EPC - D. Available early July

Barn Mead



Guardian are delighted to offer this third floor, one bedroom Guardian are designed to ones this time most possesses.

If at in Conyers. This property benefits from gas heating, neutral decor throughout and is close to local shops and amenities. EPC - D. Available mid August.

£700 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom, first floor flat in the private area of Regency Court. This property benefits from one allocated parking space, gas central heating and is close to local shops and amenities. EPC - C. Available mid May.

′£750 PCM

Regency Court



Guardian are delighted to offer this two bedroom penthouse flat in Mill Court. This property benefits from allocated parking, a private roof terrace, an en-suite to master bedroom and is close to local shops, amenities and Harlow Town train station. EPC - D. Available NOW!

£975 PCM



Guardian are delighted to bring to the market this three bedroom end of terrace house in Gladwin Way, just a short walk from the town centre. This property benefits from gas heating, down stairs w/c, a garage, rear garden and is close to local shops, amenities Harlow Town train station. Kitchen white goods included. EPC - B. Available mid July.

Gladwin Wav



Guardian are delighted to offer this ground floor, one bedroom flat in Nicholls Field. This property has been refurbished benefiting from a new kitchen, new bathroom and new flooring. Additionally benefiting from gas heating and is close to shops and amenities. EPC - D. Available mid June.

£700 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom ground floor maisonette in Markwell Wood. This property benefits form of street parking, a private garden and has large living space through out. EPC - C. Available late June.

£775 PCM

Markwell Wood



Guardian are delighted to offer this well presented three bedroom home in Potter Stre ocated just next to the M11 round about. This property benefits from a downstairs wi, say heating. Tage living space through out and is close to local shops and amenius includes oven/hob, fridge/freezer and a washing machine. EPC - D. Available mid June.

£1100 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom house in the desirable area of Theydo Bois, a short walk to central line tube station. An ideal family home. Property comprising entrance hallway, downstairs WC, kitchen, lounge, three bedrooms and family bathroo Benefits include garage, rear garden and gas central heating, EPC - D. Available early June

£1575 PCM

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£140,000



This sought after property in Radburn Close boats a great first time buy or investment opportunity. Two DOUBLE bedrooms, a BALCONY for outside space and a recently installed boiler are a few key features

Radburn Close , Harlow





Located in the award winning development of New Hall, Harlow, Guardian have the privilege to present a rare opportunity to acquire a mid terrace two bedroom property. Allocated parking, two large double's and perfect for a family.

Ashworth Place , Church Langley



Guardian are delighted to present a well presented studio flat in the heart of Town Centre, close to transport links (bus and train station) local amenities. SOU AFTER private area, perfect for investors! Current tenant in situ since 2013. EPC:E



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No matter how your garden grows, anyone can enjoy an abundance of flowers indoors with this year's stunning floral designs. GABRIELLE **FAGAN** picks the best of the bunch for you

ature's best and brightest blooms inspire decor designs year after year, and the new season ranges are blossoming with a fresh, contemporary take on the trend.
"Florals never lose their appeal, but

this year, be brave and experiment with bold colours and eye-catching patterns to bring the outside in," says Claire Hornby, creative stylist at

"It's such an easy way to inject colour and pattern into your home. For a pared-back, summer-inspired space, opt for smaller floral accessories such as patterned chairs or cushions, which will pair well with neutral hues," she adds.

Whether you're looking to create an attention-grabbing feature wall in an all-over floral print, or add simple botanical-inspired accessories, you'll be surprised by how easy it is to incor-



porate florals into a living space. Here are three ways to embrace petal-power right now...

PICK A POSY OF PINKS FOR PERENNIALLY PRETTY DECOR "Spring's all about embracing

brighter colours and bolder prints, so naturally, florals are an absolute shoo-in for the season," says Rebecca Snowden, interior style advisor at Furniture Choice.

"Florals or tropical prints, especially in bright pinks from rose to fuschia, are excellent statement-makers. They can be used for pops of colour in a smaller room, or will anchor a scheme if used to create a striking feature

"For a major style boost, opt for larger botanical prints in the form of murals or wall art," she suggests.

"Experiment with light-coloured patterns for a relaxed natural look, or create a bold bohemian space with darker hues and busier motifs."









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£13.95, Annabel James

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"The trend for floral designs shows no

botanical-inspired homeware is an easy

way to introduce invigorating touches of

For an understated theme, use soft

effect," she adds. "For an effortless update,

which pays a subtle nod to the floral trend.

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evoke a clean, Scandi-style aesthetic,

fabrics or accessories contrasted with

Villa Nova Akina Indigo Rug, from £425, Modern Rugs



Flower Design Coasters, pack of

"Botanical and floral prints continue to be top of the list for freshening up our decor," says Yvonne Keal, head of product at curtain and blinds specialists, Hillarys. "They connect us to the outdoors, and if something works well in nature, it'll work in a room. But just as we wouldn't have a wilting bouquet in our homes, any floral look we introduce should feel fresh and new, and this season doesn't disappoint.

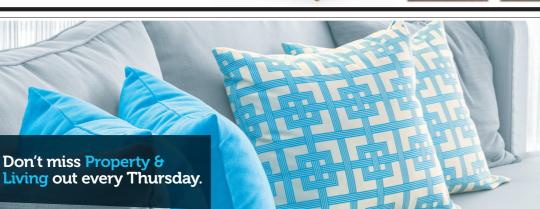
"Botanical motifs on fabrics are subtle and hand-drawn - straight out of an artist's sketchbook. Small-scale florals, watercolour washes and fade-out prints are blooming in gently joyful neutral grownup shades, while soft greens, pale blues and lavender are replacing the rich jewel tones and clashing patterns of 2017, to help us create the more calm haven we crave this year."











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ompromise. It's a word that I, along with most of my generation, grew up with. Share it with your sister, I was told by an irritated parent. You can't have your own way all the time – learn to compromise.

The C-word became every bit as irritating as having to hand things back, make space for siblings and generally accepting second best.

Nowadays, it's very different. For a start, I grew up and became aware what you can't afford right now you can borrow/use a plastic card/or sell something else to get what you want.

And the climate generally has changed in these getnow-pay-later days.

Best of all, most of the time you can have the best of both worlds. This was never clearer than recently when I borrowed a BMW 4 Series Gran Coupe.

Here was a comfy, large five-door with the opening tailgate of a hatch and the luggage capacity of decent-sized estate car.

Yet it's got the sculptured, rakish profile of racy coupe. And to top it all, under the bonnet is a thumping great six-cylinder turbo diesel that delivers enough clout to

shame many two-seater sports cars. As if all this doesn't

As it all this doesn't demolish the demon 'compromise' word, its real world economy of around 44mpg makes it pretty reasonable to run. Of course at north of £45,000, it's not exactly chean to buy.

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It's a formula that has
worked for BMW as well for
us Brits who buy around
10,000 4 Series a year ... even
more than the cheaper twodoor Coupe.

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In 435d M Sport guise, it comes with all wheel drive xDrive system which in normal conditions delivers a bias to the rear wheels allowing an appropriately sporty feel as well as ensuring all the 313bhp can be fed to both axles.

Eight-speed automatic transmission is standard together with a choice of driving modes including Sport and Sport Plus and steering wheel paddlechange for an extra dose of fun when required.

It's a fuss-free, fast and efficient system that makes you wonder why anyone should want a clutch pedal next to the brake and accelerator.

Despite its practical nature the 435d is a true driver's car with crisp handling and enough power to blast to 62mph in under five seconds. Top speed is electronically limited to 155mph.

The true advantage in such heady acceleration is the ease of overtaking – with oodles of torque available a pass can be carried out in just a few seconds.

The straight six diesel is a bit gruff on start up, but soon calms down and long before the legal limit is merely a background whisper

whisper.
The cabin is smart though somewhat Teutonically austere looking with acres of dark plastic mouldings and similarly sombre roof lining. Controls, dials and central touch screen appear solid and well made.

Room up front and in the back is ample for four and perhaps even five, though the ceiling height in the rear is a bit lower than the saloon. And the opening hatchback boot is truly cavernous with space for 480 litres of cargo. The rear seats can be folded to expand this to around 1300 litres.

BMW and the 4 Series are clearly doing their best to make the word 'compromise' is banished from the dictionary. The sooner the better for me.



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talian singers are often short in stature but big in heart and voice, rather like the Fiat Panda 4x4.

The cheeky all-wheeldrive car is part of a compact 12-model range sharing a five-door body

We tried the 4x4 with the 95ps diesel engine and a five-speed manual gearbox.

The Panda has a pedigree going back over three generations to 1980 and it's gradually grown from three to five doors and today includes the useful all wheel-drive transmission, ideal for those Italian mountain winter roads or British flash winters.

You just never know when you need 4x4 but ultimately you'll be glad you have it.

There are few small 4x4 models on UK sale and perhaps not surprisingly they are in demand, putting comparatively inexpensive winter cars in everyone's hands and proving you don't have to live with big and thirsty off-roaders all year round to keep going

when others cannot over a few days or weeks.

The Fiat Panda 4x4 may lack sheer horsepower but it effectively uses what it has and it requires no thought from the driver to keep going when roads deteriorate.

The engine is smooth, a little throbbing at times, but it also proves flexible and economical as our overall consumption figure indicates. Matched to the five-speed manual gearbox it's lively if lacking in outright power and it sounds busy at higher revs in the intermediate ratios but is more composed when cruising. A sixth gear would make a difference.
The light clutch and

gearchange are delightful to use, the brakes are up to their job but I don't think the City Brake Control should be a £285 extra and the parking brake hand-grip is not

particularly good. The Panda's power steering lacks ultimate feel although the turning circle is good and it's reasonably weighted with power



assistance

The secondary controls are not a minefield as in some modern cars so you rarely make a mistake and the simple instruments are another delight. They may be basic but they are clear and there're a few warning lights to backup essential checks.

Similarly, the heating and ventilation is straightforward, works well

and comfortably fills the little cabin, with powered front windows as well, but there is no sunroof available.

The optional automatic climate control was fitted along with some other extras including the offset split back seat instead of a single one, passenger seat folding table, parking sensors and winter-pack, and total options' cost was £2,150 on

top of the £16,550 price.

Oddments space is surprisingly good for a small car and the bootspace is capable of taking a few shopping bags or a medium sized case before it has to be extended as the rear seats fold flat.

Access is good, even if the back passenger doors are small and the fifth door opens high with a fairly low

lip over which to lift items. Getting into the front was much easier.

All seats are on the short side for leg support but the front pair have good location for the occupants' backs and their adjustment is adequate unless you're very tall.

The seats are not particularly thick so what the suspension cannot absorb on a poor surface the seats also struggle to smooth out. The short wheelbase of 2.3 meters does give a choppy ride at times.

The payback to that is, however, good maneuverability either when parking in a tight space or easing through twisting lanes or tracks. Road-holding is good.

You can hear the suspension doing its job and road noise is ever present but the engine note only intrudes at higher revs and other mechanical and wind sounds are low.

Once you appreciate the Panda 4x4 limits it's a car you can make a song and dance about.

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ROAD TEST: Volvo XC40 D4 AWD First Edition by David Ward



or a new car to win one top international award is a major coup for any car maker - to win another is quite unprecedented so no wonder they are all smiles currently in the Swedish Volvo camp.

They have every reason to be with their XC40 Sports Utility Vehicle having already won the highly prestigious World Car title followed this up by taking the European Car of the Year title plus now many other motoring media accolades.

So this XC40 – the smallest of Volvo's SUV models – must be a really good car with all this praise flying around and obviously as a result becoming the company's fastest selling model.

With a choice of six trim levels, diesel and petrol engines, manual or automatic transmissions, two and four-wheel-drive and sensibly prices starting at £27,905 it's easy to see why it fast gaining popularity in the medium SUV sector.

This will increase further

later this year when a hybrid model plus a three cylinder petrol engine are added to the range that currently starts with Momentum trim level before moving up to R-Design and R-Design Pro, Inscription and Inscription Pro and finally First Edition, this latter one the subject of this road test.

Sitting on a new Volvo platform to be used later on for smaller company models this XC40 is not a mere slimmed down version of its two bigger sisters - the XC90 and XC60 - as car makers to in helping to reduce costs.

This XC40 looks funkier

This XC40 looks funkier than those pair to start with its more striking looks yet there's no getting away from it that it's styled like a modern big Volvo and overall far more stylish and attractive than those old Volvo saloons and estates of yesteryear with their rather boxy-shapes.

Clearly aimed at the younger aged family SUV buying sector this XC40 does though inherit all the fine engineering and build qualities of its bigger sisters and also with equally with

the same quality ride and handling.

Although Volvo has promised to stop using diesel engines in the future the four cylinder, 190bhp in the test car was extremely refined offering a flexible enough performance (0 to 62mph in 7.9 seconds) along with excellent mid range acceleration for overtaking.

For a diesel it's exceptionally quiet so much so that passengers in the test car when asked thought it was a petrol engine and for the driver this two-litre turbocharged engine provides good, low down torque while it really comes into its own on longer journeys where it effortlessly cruises along with practically no wind or transmission noise.

The eight-speed automatic gearbox plays its part too with responsive and quick enough up and down gear change movement left in automatic mode and just as eager and quiet when switched into manual mode.

It's overall handling and driveability is extremely good making the driver's life behind the steering wheel so easy whether stuck in heavy stop/go city traffic or sitting at motorway speeds while driving sprightly through twist country lanes there's little body roll at cornering too.

In terms of fuel economy anyone would expect a two-litre diesel as in this Volvo to return a decent enough fuel consumption and it did exactly that on test with an average of a remarkable 59.2mpg, bettering the official combined figure of 55.4mpg - and that was out the driver trying to be economical on the varies test routes.

Sit inside this XC40 and yes there are all the strong hallmarks of its twin bigger sisters again with quality furnishings and fittings and as with any Volvo today exceptionally comfortable seats, easily electrically adjustable for different height and with four-way lumbar support with memory settings.

For the driver the digital instruments as so easy to read and use at a glance with few physical buttons around

and mostly centres on a 12.3-inch screen plus there is voice control too.

For a newcomer to Volvo cars of this stature it will take a few minutes to become familiarised in using the touch screen for so many aspects of driving the car but once acclimatised there will be no stopping.

The slim windscreen

The slim windscreen pillars are a great help to for driver vision and the large door mirrors have the Bliss system which warns the driver of being overtaken on those blind spots and as in all Volvos there is a high level of standard safety systems on board.

The high level of standard equipment on board such as sat nav, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto again provide what most drivers expect on today's quality models but once of the biggest aids when manoeuvring the car into and out of tight parking spots is the bird's eye view camera that immediate shows up on the touch screen.

It's such a simple gadget but so, so helpful and it's a driver aid that should be used more in more of today's new cars.

The seats as one would expect from Volvo are ultra comfortable with such good, all round lumbar support and the interior finishing has plush but soft-faced materials plus some smart veneer trim to give it that bit of extra quality feel.

There's plenty of head and leg room, front and rear, and loads of handy storage spaces – particularly useful is the pop-out rubbish bin between the front seats – and also there's useful storage bins for large water bottles and laptop cubbyholes.

The rear seats split 60/40 while minimum boot space is 432 litres plus there is some under boot floor storage area if the driver opts for not having a spare wheel on board while dropping the back seat down the load capacity shoots up to 1,308 litres.

It's easy to see why this XC40 has quickly become popular because it's easy to drive, comfortable and inherits all the good qualities of those bigger twin sisters.

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The submission version of the Harlow Local Development Plan and other supporting documents will be available for public inspection during the Regulation 19 Publication period at the Harlow Civic Centre, Latton Bush Centre and Harlow libraries during normal opening hours.

Regulation 19 Publication period from Thursday 24th May 2018 until Friday 6th July 2018

All the documents including supporting technical studies are available to view on Harlow Council Website at: http://www.harlow.gov.uk/local-plan

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STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSPECTION OF THE HARLOW LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

(Proposed Submission "Publication Draft" Version)

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with regulations 19 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, that Harlow Council is publishing the Harlow Loca Development Plan. This notice gives details for inspection and public involvement.

Harlow Local Develor ment Plan Pre-Submission Publication May 2018

Subject matter and area covered by the Local Development Plan Harlow Council has prepared the Pre-Submission Publication version of the Harlow Local Development Plan together with a Policies Map which it proposes to submit to the Secretary of State for Housing.

Communities and Local Government. The Harlow Local Development Plan provides a spatial planning framework to shape and guide evelopment in the town until 2033. The plan sets out a spatial visio together with a number of strategic objectives that are supported by a suite of strategic and development management policies. The accompanying Policies Map identifies sites for housing employment and other forms of development, as well as those areas which are subject to a range of policy and environmental constraints. A separat Area Action Plan is, however, being prepared for Harlow Town Centre The inset on the Policies Map indicates the area covered by separate

Area Action Plan. Representations

The period for submission of representations to the Council will run for six weeks from Thursday 24th May 2018 until 16:00 on Friday 6th July 2018.

There are various ways that you can send the Council your representation:

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Saint Nicholas School's victorious Key Stage 2 gymnasts

Double success for St Nicholas' young gymnasts

GYMNASTS from Saint Nicholas and Key Stage 2 categories. top spot at the Harlow Key Steps Gymnastics Competition.

After some strong competition from the other Harlow schools that took part, Saint Nicholas

Both winning teams now qualify to represent Harlow in the Essex Schools competition in July which will be held at Basildon Sports Village as part of the Essex Summer Games.

It is the fourth year running

that the school's Key Stage 1 team have been victorious but it is the first year that Saint Nicholas' Key Stage 2 team has also secured the top spot.

All the gymnasts have worked very hard over the last few

teachers Mrs Hill and Mrs Fitch are incredibly proud of them all.

The Saint Nicholas School teams consisted of: Key Stage 1 team – Rhys White; Amelie King; Grace Burgess; Georgia Pagram; Kayla Smith; Ella Grady; Casta

Key Stage 2 (team A): Esme Morgan; Farai Gora; Charlotte Pearson-Rodriguez; Mia Shtenko;

Louis Tarplett; Becky Parsons Key Stage 2 (team B): Millie Cooke; Gray Lowman; Polly Easton; Sofia Fry; Alice Pearson

Ahmed leads from the front in victory

Skipper hits a century in just 120 balls for Harlow

By ANDREW FRANCZAK

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A SPARKLING captain's knock of 100 off just 120 balls from Rehman Ahmed saw Harlow to a comprehensive victory over Fives and Heronians in the Shepherd Neame Essex League Division

Having lost the toss Harlow were put in to bat and they made the opposition pay.

Harlow got off to a steady start and were at 113-4.

At this point captain Ahmed was joined at the crease by Nicky Baxter and between them they then put on a stand of 120.

Ahmed fell whilst on his cen-

tury and the score was 233-5. Nicky Baxter carried on the

good work with the bat before finally being run out for 65. Harlow finally finished on 274-6

declared off 49 overs.

In reply Fives and Heronians were soon in trouble on 14-3 and the pressure intensified thanks to a great spell from Callum Sykes, who took four wickets for just nine runs.

The visitors were eventually

bowled out for 148.

There was also a welcome win for Harlow's second XI at Buck-hurst Hill. Batting first, Harlow posted 225-

6 and just failed to bowl out the opposition, who finished on 201-9 from their allotted overs.

The third XI, playing at home to Harold Wood, had a convincing win over Harold Wood, who were

all out for 128 in 33.1 overs with Amir Farooq taking 6-52. They soon chased down the

score with James Coldwell on 68

■ HARLOW Town made the trip to Garon Park to play against Old Southendian & Southchurch in Shepherd Neame Essex League Division Two and lost by seven runs in a tight finish.

Suraj Chauhan and Mark Quant bowled tightly and restricted the opposition early on, taking the early wickets of Chris Bunce and Craddock.

This brought former Harlow man Ahmed Khawaja to the crease

Town kept him quiet early on, and took wickets at the other

re-introduction Chauhan skittled the lower order. but a last wicket partnership of 27 helped Old Souths get to 154, with

Khawaja stranded on 66 not out. Eversden finished with 5-40 and Chauhan 4 -39.

With Town chasing an under par target, openers Chauhan (59) and Ashley Alderson looked to give them a solid start. However,

Alderson fell cheaply for 4.

Jibran Azam helped push the visitors 68-1 until Khawaja ripped through the top and middle order

leaving Town struggling on 86-8.
Pat Yates and Eversden looked at sticking around, but with eight runs required Khawaja produced a magic ball to take the wicket of Yates (27), followed next ball with the wicket of Quant to give Old

Souths victory.
The second XI hosted Walthamstow and skittled them out for 115, with Sam Charles picking up excellent figures of 4-37 on his return to the club after an 11 year

In reply, Sreerag Radhakrishnan (19) and Ben Tyne (36) got Town off to a great start. George Richardson (21 not out)

and Charlie Coleman (32 not out) steered Town to a comfortable

eight wicket win.

The third XI won a thriller at Walthamstow, bowled the hosts out for 118 with skipper Vic Goddard taking three wickets.

Town tumbled to 37-7, but father and son, Vic (33 not out) and Toby Goddard (13 not out) saw the side

Wendy and Paul have rock 'n' roll weekend

HARLOW Running Club members Paul and Wendy Schroder were hot to trot as they competed in Liverpool's Rock 'r Roll running weekend.

On Saturday they ran the 5k race, Paul finishing in 121st place out of 3,771 finishers in 21min 19sec and Wendy was 524th in 25:14

Then on Sunday they ran the half marathon, Paul finishing 469th out of 8,975 finishers in 1hr 38:49 and Wendy in 4,521st place in 2 16:02

Meanwhile, at the Braintree five mile race, Martyn Coulter was 17th out of 204 finishers in a personal best time of 33:03, Louise Cootes was 114th in 44:08 and Brenda Clayton 156th in 49.21, a new female Vet 70 club record.

At the Lisbon Half Ironman (1.2 mile open water swim, 56 mile bike ride and 13.1 mile run) Nick D'Alton finished 233rd out of 478 finishers in a PB time of 5.06:18.

Craig Segal won the Harlow parkrun in an excellent 18:34 out of 242 finishers. He was followed home by:

Danny McCree 2nd in 19:28, Michael Woodruff 3rd in 19:31 (PB), Martin Westley 5th in 19:38, Ryan Smith 6th in 19:38, Alan Broughton 9th and 2nd Vet 50 in 19:59, Ben Usher 10th in 20:28, Andy Terrell 12th in 20:35, Steve McKenzie 17th in 21:48, John Bull 18th in 21:52, Andy Smith 28th in 23:06, Graham Saville 29th and 1st Vet 60 in 23:10.

Bobby Draper 30th in 23.13 (PB), Terry Ridge 31st in 23:17, Steve Cowlin 42nd in 23:57, Chris McCarthy 43rd in 24:02, Peter Ayling 46th and 2nd Vet 60 in 24:23. Martin Elven 54th in 25:09 24.25, Martin Ervein 34th in 25.05, Robin Lozeau 60th and 3rd Vet 60 in 25:41, Anna Robey 63rd in 26:04, Jim Bates 66th and 1st Vet 70 in 26:18, Martyn Coulter 68th in 26:26, Laura Prime 69th and 3rd Female Vet 40 in 26:26, Spencer Brooks 80th in 27:30.

Debbie Barry 81st and 2nd Female Vet 55 in 27:31, Austin Nyamande 101st in 29:48, Louise Peacock 109th in 31:00 (PB), Peter Mills 114th and 2nd Vet 70 in 31:27, Liz Roberts 121st in 32:01 Kerry Mavris 126th in 33:12, Louise Cootes 138th in 34:32, Andy Kitson 186th in 39:15, Karen Kitson 186th in 39:15 (PB) and Sara Coombe 226th in 59:26. At the Hackney Marshes

parkrun, Sharon Wright finished in 24th place out of 226 finishers and was first female in a superb

Darren Rautenbach finished in 61st place out of 305 finishers at the Bishop's Stortford parkrun in 23:36. Justin Patten was 79th in 25:06, Teresa Stickland 213th in 31:56 and Brenda Clayton 246th and 2nd female Vet 70 in 34:17.

At the Great Dunmow parkrun Paul Dixon finished in 22nd place out of 172 finishers in 23.16.